ANNO XXXIIII. ET XXXV. HENrici Octaui.

ACTES MADE IN THE Session of this present Parliamente holden vpon prorogation at Westminster the .xxii. day of Januarye in the .xxxiii. yeare of the raigne of oure moste dread soueraigne Lord Henry the eight by the grace of God kynge of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the Faith: and of the Church of Englande and also of Irelande in earth the Supreame heade, and there continued and kepte tyll the xii. daye of Maye in the xxxv. yeare of our said soueraigne Lorde, to the honour of God and for the common weale and profitte of this hys Realme.

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¶ An acte for the aduauncement of true religion and for the abolishment of the contrary. Cap i.

WHere the kinges moste royal maiestie, our gracious and natural soueraigne liege lord, supreme head of the churche of Englande, and also of Irelande, and his honourable counsayle, perceiueth the ignoraunce, fonde opinions, errours, and blindnes of diuers and sundrye his subiectes of this his realme, in abusinge, and not obseruinge, nor folowinge the commaundementes, preceptes, and lawes of almyghtie god, nor the verie true and perfecte religion of Christe, notwithstandyng suche holsome doctrines, and documentes as his maiestye hath heretofore caused to be set forth for that purpose beside the great libertie graunted to them in hauing them amonges them and in theyr handes the new and old testament, which not withstanding many sediciouse people, arrogant and ignorant persons, wherof some pretendinge to be learned, and to haue the perfite and true knowledge, vnderstanding, and iudgment of the sacred and holy scriptures, and some other of theyr peruerse, frowarde and malicious mindes, wisles and intentes, entending to subuert the veray true and perfect exposicion, doctrine, and declaracion of the saide scripture, after their peruers fantasies: haue taken vpon them, not onely to preache, teach, declare, and set forthe the same by wordes, sermons, disputacions, and argumentes, but also by printed bookes, prynted balades, playes, rimes, songes, & other phantasies subtelly and craftely instructyng his highnes people, and specially the youthe of this hys realme vntruly, and otherwise than the scripture ought or should be taught, declared or expounded, & contrary to the veray sincere, and godly meanyng of the same. wherupon diuersity of opinions, sayinges, variaunces argumēts etumultes & scismes haue ben sprong and arysen amonges his sayd subiects, within this his realme, to the, greate, inquietacion of his saide people, and great displeasure of his maiestie, and contrary to his graces true meaninge, good intencion, & moste goodly purpose,

¶ For reformacion wherof, his, maiestie most vertuously, and prudentlye considereth, and thinketh that it is & shalbe most requisite, expedient and necessarye, not onely by lawes dredfull, and penall, to take awaye, purg and clense this his highnes realme, territories, confines, dominions, and countries, of all suche bookes, writinges, sermones, disputacions, argumentes balades, plaies, rimes, songes, teachinges and instructions, as be pestiferous, and noysome, with all the causes, instrumentes, and meanes of the same: But also to ordeine and establishe a certaine forme of pure and sincere teachinge, agreable with goddes woorde, and the true doctrine of the catholike and Apostolicall churche wherennto menmaie haue recourse for the true desision of some isuch controuersies as haue in times past & yet do hapen & arise

amonges them. And therefore be it enacted, ordeyned and eſtabliſhed, by our ſayde ſouereygne lorde the kynge, the lordes ſpirytuall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that all manner of bookes of the old and newe teſtament in engliſhe, beinge of the craftie, falſe, and vntrue tranſlacion of Tindall, and all other bookes and writinges in the engliſhe tongue, teachinge or compriſinge any matters of chriſten religion, articles of the faithe, or holy ſcripture, or any part of them, contrary to that doctrine, which ſins the yere of our lorde. M.D.xl. is, or any time duringe the kinges maieſties lyfe, our ſaide ſouereigne lorde that now is kinge Henry the eyght whiche our lorde longe preſerue, ſhalbe ſette forthe by his highnes, with ſuch ſuperſcription and ſubſcription, as hereafter ſhalbe declared, ſhall be by auctoritie of this preſent acte clerely and vtterlie abolliſhed, extinguiſhed, and forbidden, to be kept or vſed in this realme, or eis where in anie the kinges dominions.

¶ And alſo be enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that if any printer boke binder, bokeſeller or anie other perſon or perſons, ſhall after the firſte daie of July next enſuinge, printe or cauſe to be printed, or vtter, ſell gyue or deliuer within this realme or eis where within anie the kinges dominions anie of the bookes or writinges afore abolliſhed or prohibited, or play in enterludes, ſing or rime, any matter contrarie to the ſaid doctrine, which ſins the ſaide yere of our lorde M.D.xl. is or at anie time (as is aforeſaide) ſhal be ſet forthe by the kinges maieſtie, our ſaide ſouereigne lorde that now is and be of any the offences aforeſaide conuicted, by ſufficient witnes, before anie two of the kinges counſaile, or the ordinare of the dioceſſe, where anie ſuch offence ſhalbe committed, and two Juſtices of peace of the ſame ſhyre where any ſuch ordinarie ſhall ſitte within his dioceſſe, for that purpoſe, as before anie other perſon or perſons, whome for this purpoſe the kinges maieſtie ſhall appoint by his highnes commiſſion, ſhall haue and ſuffre for the firſt time, impriſonment of his bodie for three monethes, and alſo loſe and forfaite for euerie ſuche booke or writing, printed vttred, and ſolde, gyuen or deliuered (as is aforeſaid) the ſome of .x. li. ſterling. And for the ſecond time ſo offending in anie of the ſaid offences, and being therof conuicted, as is aforeſaide, ſhall loſe and forfaite all his goodes, and his body, to be committed to perpetuall priſon.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, after the firſt day of Julye next comminge, reteine in his handes or cuſtodie, anie engliſhe bookes or writinges, concerning matter againſt the holy and bleſſed ſacrement of the aulter, or for the maintenaunce of the damnable opinions of the ſecte of the anabaptiſtes or anie other engliſhe bookes or writinges, whiche heretofore haue bene, abolliſhed and condemned by the kinges proclamacions, and ſhalbe therof conuict, in maner and fourme aforeſaid: That than euery ſuch offendour ſhall for euerie ſuch boke or writing ſo reteined as is aforeſaid, loſe and forfaite the ſumme of .v.li ſterlinge

lyng. And if any person or persons, after the first daie of Octobre nexte comminge shall reteine in his handes or custodie, within this realme or elles where within any the kinges dominions, anie other of the said bookes or writinges before prohibited, and shalbe therof convicted, in maner and fourme aforesaide: that than the saide person or persons, so beinge convicte shall for euerie such booke or writinge, conteininge speciall treatie or chapiter against anie doctrine, set foorthe or to be set forthe by the kinges maiestie as is aforesayd, so by him or them retayned, forfait & pay the summe of .v.li. sterling. And if the booke or writing haue onely wordes or sentences enterlaced, contrary to the sayde doctrine. Then the fine to be moderate by the discretion of the iudge: so it excede not .xl.s.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the bibles and newe testament in englishe, not beinge of Tindalles translacions, shall stande in force, and not be comprised in this abolicion or acte. Neuertheless if there shalbe found in anie such bibles or newe testamentes, any annotacions or preambles, That than euerie person and persons, hauinge anye bibles or newe testamentes, with any suche annotacions or preambles, shall before the sayd first day of Octobre, cutte or blotte the same, in such wise, as they cannot be perceiued nor red, vpon payne to lose and forfaite for euerie bible and newe testament that any person or persons shall haue in their handes or custodie, after the sayd first daie of Octobre, with any such annotacions or preambles as is aforesayd, contrary to this acte. .xl.s.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nerte aboue specified, do not extend to the blotting or cutting out of any quotacion or summaries of chapters expressed or conteyned in any suche bibles or newe testamentes, any thinge aforemencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that all bookes in englishe, printed before the yere of our lorde, M.D.xl. intiteled, the kinges highnes proclamacions, iniunctions, translacions of the Pater nostre, the Aue maria, and the Crede. the psalters, primers, praiers, statutes and lawes of the realme, cronicles, Canturbury tales, Chaucers bookes, Gowers bookes, & stories of mens liues, shall not be comprehended in the prohibicion of this acte, onlesse the kinges sayde maiestie shall hereafter make speciall proclamacion for the condemnacion and reprouing of the same, or any of them.

¶ Prouided alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that al printers maye lawfully printe all suche bookes, conteyninge matters of religion as the kinges maiestie shall by his bill assigned allow and aproue, whervnto the same printers, shalbe bound to put the superscripcion and subscripcion in this fourme, that is to saye, by the kinge & his clergie, with adicion in the ende of the printers name, his dwellinge place, the daie & yere of the printing of the same, which if the same printer do omitte, he shal incurre such penalties as before is limitted for printing, selling, geuynge, or delyuerunge of vnlawfull bookes.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it

shall be lawfull to all and euerie person and persons, to sette forthe songes dna plaies and enterluds, to be vsed and exercised within thys realme, and other the kinges dominions, for the rebuking and reprochinge of vices, and the settinge forthe of vertue: So alwayes the said songes plaies or enterludes medle not wyth interpretacions of scripture, contrary to the doctrine set forth or to be set forth by the kinges maiestye, our sayd soueraine lorde that now is, king Henry the eight in fourme aforesaide. Anye thing conteyned in thys acte to the contrarye notwythstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or persons after the first daye of Octobre nert ensuinge, shall take vpon hym or them to read preach or teach openly to other, in anye churche or open assembly, within anye the kinges dominion, the bible, or anye parte of scripture in englishe, or by anye other person or persons cause it or any parte therof openly to be red preached or taught to other, in anye churche, or open assembly, as is aforesaide, onelesse he be so appoynted therunto by the kynges maiestie, or by any ordinarye, or by such as haue rule gouernement and auctoritie, to make deputacion or assignement for the same, vpon peine that euerye suche offendour, beinge therof conuicted as is aforesayde, shall suffre imprisonment of one moneth.

¶ Prouided alwayes that the chauncellour of England, Capitaines of the warres, the kynges iustices, the recorders of any Citie, borughe, or towne, the speaker of the parliament, and all other Justices officers and ministers, whyche heretofore haue bene accustomed to declare or teache anye good vertuous or godlye exortacions, in any assembles, maye vse anye part of the bible or holy scripture, as they were wont and haue bene accustomed so alwayes it be not contrary to the doctryne set forth or to be set forth as is aforesaide, anye thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also that it shalbe lawfull to euery noble man and gentleman being a householder, to rede or cause to be reade by any of his familie seruaūtes, in his house orchyardes or gardeine, and to his owne familye, any tert of the bible or new testament, so the same be doue quietely and wythout disturbance of good order. And also that it shalbe lawfull for euerye marchante man being a housholder, and occupying the feat of marchaundyse, to read to hym selfe priuately, the bible and new testament, anye thynge in this acte to the contrarye hereof not wythstanding.

¶ And where the kynges maiestye, of hys moste gracious and blessed dysposicion, hath heretofore caused to be set forth the bible and newe testament in the Englyshe tonge, to be read by hys louing subiectes, to the intent that they myght therby the better know theyr dutye to almightie god, and to his maiestie, and also increase in vertue, for the welth of their soules. All be it his maiesties sayd most godly purpose and intent, hath taken good effecte amonges a great multitude of his subiectes, & specially amonges the highest and most honest sort, accordynge to hys highnes good expectacion therof: yet for as much as hys highnes perceiueth, that a great multitude of his

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saide subiectes, moste specially of the lower sorte, haue so abused the same that they haue therby growen and increased in diuers naughty and erronious opinions, and by occasion therof fallen into greate diuision and dissention among them selues, to the great vnquietnes of the realme, & other his maisties dominions. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from and after the first day of July nexte commynge, no women, nor artificers, prentyses, iorneymen, seruyng men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husband men, nor labourers, shal reade wythin thys realme, or in any other the kynges dompynyons, the bible or new testament in Englyshe to hym selfe, or to any other priuatly or openly, vpon payne of one monthes imprysonment for euery tyme offendyng contrary to thys acte, and beynge therof conuicte in such maner and fourme as is aforesayde, onlesse the kynges maiestie, our sayd soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eight, perceiuing suche reformacion and amendement in theyr lyues and behauiour, by the diligent and discrete readyng, and imprinting in their hartes of the moste blessed doctrine, set forthe, or hereafter to be set forthe by his sayde maiestie shal of his clemency thinke good otherwise, to enlarge and to giue libertie for the reading of the same.

¶ Prouided alway that all maner of persons, other than women, artificers prentises, iourneymen, seruyng men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, husband men and labourers, may reade to them selfues, and to none other, any tert of the bible and new testament, for theyr owne edefieng and increase of vertue, any thing in thys acte to the contrary not wythstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that euery noble woman & gentilwoman maye reade to them selfues alone and not to others, any tertes of the bible or new testament any thyng in this act to the contrary not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull, to euery person and persons what so euer, to reade and teache in their houses, and in the houses of theyr husbandes, parentes, or maysters, all suche doctryne, as syns the sayde yeare of our lorde. M.D. xl. is or shall be set forthe by the kinges maiestye, our souerayne lorde that now is, as is aforesayd. And also the psalter, primers, Pater noster, Aue and Crede in English, and all suche bookes and wrytynges, whiche be aboue specyally named, to be reserued and not to be abolished and prohibited by thys act: So they do the same quietly, and wythout disturbance of good ordre, any thinge in thys acte to the contrary therof not wythstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, other than be aboue limitted, shall take vpon him openly to dispute or argue, to debate discusse or expounde holy scripture, or any parte therof, whiche with all reuerence ought to be communicated amonge christen men, vpon the peynes of one monethes imprisonment.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the one moitie of all the penalties and forfaitures of summes of money aboue specified, shall be to the king our souereigne lorde, and the other moitie therof

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to ſuche perſon or perſons as will detecte and ſue for the conuiction of anye of the offendours contrary to this acte, in ſuch fourme as is aboue limitted by this acte, and that the moitie of ſuche forfaitures limitted to the partye detectinge and ſuinge as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe leuied of the offendours, that ſhall be conuicte by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforeſaid, after ſuche fourme faſhion and order of proceſſe, as ſhall be deuiſed by the iudge or iudges, afore whome any ſuche conuiction ſhalbe had: and the other moitie of ſuche forfaitures, limitted to be to the kinges maieſtie, ſhall be eſtreated by writyng into the kinges eſcheker, by the ſayde iudge or iudges, within.xl. dayes next after ſuche conuiction had: if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within.xx. dayes nexte after the beginninge of the terme folowing after ſuche conuiction.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any ſpyrituall perſon or perſons ſhal after the fyrſtday of July next commyng, preache, teache defende or maynteine any matter or matters, thinge or thinges contrary to the godly inſtrucions or determinacions, which ſyns the yere of our lorde aforeſayd, is or ſhalbe ſet forthe by his maieſtye, as is afore mencioned: that than euerye ſuche offendour beinge therof conuicted before the ordinarye of that dioceſſe within the whych the ſayd offence ſhal be commytted, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſayd, or before two of the kynges maieſtyes counſayle, or ſuche commyſſyoners as hys maieſtye ſhall apoynte for that purpoſe: ſhalbe for the fyrſt tyme admitted to recante and renounce his ſayde errours, after ſuche maner and fourme as ſhalbe apoynted by the ordinarye or iudges, afore whome ſuche offendour ſhall be conuict. And if ſuche offendour refuſe to recante, in ſuche fourme as is aforeſayde, or if he recant, and after eftſoones offende: that than he ſhall for the ſeconde tyme, or for refuſall to recante, abiure and beare a fagot, after ſuch maner and fourme as ſhalbe aſſigned by the ordinarie or iudge and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſayd afore whome ſuche offendour ſhall be conuict. And if ſuch offendour refuſe to abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſayd, or if he abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſayd, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act and be therof conuict in maner and fourme as is aforeſayde: That than euery ſuche offendour, for the thirde time, or for refuſall to abiure, ſhall be demed and adiudged an heretike, & ſhall ſuffer therfore paines of death by burnynge, and loſſe and forfaitures of all his good and cattelles. And if any lay perſon or perſons, ſhall after the ſayde firſt day of July nexte commyng, teache defende or maynteyne any matter or matters, thinge or thynges, contrary to the godly inſtructions and determinacions, which ſince the yere of our lorde aforeſayd, is or ſhalbe ſet forthe by his maieſtie, as is aforeſayde, euery ſuche offendour, being therof duly conuicted before the ordinary of the dioceſſe, within the whiche the ſaide offence ſhall be committed, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſaid, or before two of the kinges maieſties counſayle or ſuche commiſſioners, as the kinges highnes ſhall appoint for that purpoſe, ſhall renounce and forſake his ſaide errour before the

the said ordinarie or iudges, before whome the saide offendour shall be conuicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kinges prisons by the space of xx. dayes. And if such offendour refuse to renounce and forsake his saide errours, or if he renounce and forsake his saide errours, and after eftsoones offende: That than he shall for the seconde time, or refusynge to renounce, abiure and beare a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinarie or iudge before whome such offendour shalbe so conuicted, shall be apoynted. and if such offendour refuse to abiure, and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, or if he abiure and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act, or refuse to abiure, and be therof conuicte in maner and fourme that is aforesaide: that than euery such offendour shall forefaute all his goodes and cattalles, and haue perpetual imprisonment.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the offence of readinge, preachinge, teachinge, defendinge or maintenining matter, contrary to the determination set forthe or to be set forth by the kinges maiestie our saide soueraigne lord kinge Henrie the eight, be obiected against the offendour, within one yere nexte after suche offence committed and done, or els the offendour therin to suffer no punishment by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in triall by witnes of any of the matters or offences aboue specified in this acte, the person, or persons, bemge detecte or complained on, shalbe admitted to purge and trie his or their innocency by other witnesse, as many or mo in numbre, and of as good honesty and credence as those be which deposed against them or any of them, in whiche case the saide iudge or iudges, which shall haue auctoritie to examine here and determine the offences aboue saide, by auctoritie of this acte, shall aduisedly and deliberatly survey and consider the witnes brought in by bothe partes, and their disposicions and circumstances therof, and there vpon condempne or dismisse from punishment and lose, the person detecte or complayned vpon, as to his owne discretion shall seeme best to agree with conscience and equitie.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte be understand, that no person or persons shall incurre any payne or penaltie in this acte, for offending of any doctrine hereafter to be set forthe by the kinges maiestye, as is aforesaide, till one moneth be past and expired nexte after such doctrine shall be put in printe, within which time of a moneth, next after such doctrine emprinted, euery person may haue notise of the same.

¶ Prouided also that this acte concerning the sixe articles, shall still remayne and cotinewe in the same force strenght and effecte, as it was before the making of this acte, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further prouided by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges maiestie our soueraigne lorde that nowe is king Henry the.viii.may at any time herafter at his highnes libertie and pleasure, chaunge and alter this present act and prouisions of the same, or any clause or article therin conteined

to ſuche perſon or perſons as will detecte and ſue for the conuiction of anye of the offendours contrary to this acte, in ſuch fourme as is aboue limitted by this acte, and that the moitie of ſuche forfaitures limitted to the partye detectinge and ſuinge as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe leuied of the offendours, that ſhall be conuicte by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforeſaid, after ſuche fourme faſhion and order of proceſſe, as ſhall be deuiſed by the iudge or iudges, afore whome any ſuche conuiction ſhalbe had: and the other moitie of ſuche forfaitures, limitted to be to the kinges maieſtie, ſhall be eſtreated by writyng into the kinges eſcheker, by the ſayde iudge or iudges, within.xl. dayes next after ſuche conuiction had: if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within.xx. dayes nexte after the begininge of the terme folowing after ſuche conuiction.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any ſpyrituall perſon or perſons ſhal after the fyrſtday of July next commyng, preache, teache defende or maynteine any matter or matters, thinge or thinges contrary to the godly inſtrucions or determinacions, which ſyns the yere of our lorde aforeſayd, is or ſhalbe ſet forthe by his maieſtye, as is afore mencioned: that than euerye ſuche offendour beinge therof conuicted before the ordinarye of that dioceſſe within the whych the ſayd offence ſhal be commytted, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſayd, or before two of the kynges maieſtyes counſayle, or ſuche commyſſyoners as hys maieſtye ſhall apoynte for that purpoſe: ſhalbe for the fyrſt tyme admitted to recante and renounce his ſayde errours, after ſuche maner and fourme as ſhalbe apoynted by the ordinarye or iudges, afore whome ſuche offendour ſhall be conuict. And if ſuche offendour refuſe to recante, in ſuche fourme as is aforeſayde, or if he recant, and after eftſoones offende: that than he ſhall for the ſeconde tyme, or for refuſall to recante, abiure and beare a fagot, after ſuch maner and fourme as ſhalbe aſſigned by the ordinarie or iudge and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſayd afore whome ſuche offendour ſhall be conuict. And if ſuch offendour refuſe to abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſayd, or if he abiure and beare a fagotte, as is aforeſayd, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act and be therof conuict in maner and fourme as is aforeſayde: That than euery ſuche offendour, for the thirde time, or for refuſall to abiure, ſhall be demed and adiudged an heretike, & ſhall ſuffer therfore paines of death by burnynge, and loſſe and forfaitures of all his good and cattelles. And if any lay perſon or perſons, ſhall after the ſayde firſt day of July nexte commyng, teache defende or maynteyne any matter or matters, thinge or thynges, contrary to the godly inſtructions and determinacions, which ſince the yere of our lorde aforeſayd, is or ſhalbe ſet forthe by his maieſtie, as is aforeſayde, euery ſuche offendour, being therof duly conuicted before the ordinary of the dioceſſe, within the whiche the ſaide offence ſhall be committed, and two Juſtices of peace, as is aforeſaid, or before two of the kinges maieſties counſayle or ſuche commiſſioners, as the kinges highnes ſhall appoint for that purpoſe, ſhall renounce and forſake his ſaide errour before

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the said ordinarie or iudges, before whome the saide offendour shall be conuicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kinges prisons by the space of xl. dayes. And if such offendour refuse to renounce and forsake his saide errours, or if he renounce and forsake his saide errours, and after eftsoones offende: That than he shall for the seconde time, or refusynge to renounce, abiure and beare a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinarie or iudge before whome such offendour shalbe so conuicted, shall be appointed. and if such offendour refuse to abiure, and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, or if he abiure and beare a fagot as is aforesaide, and after offende the thirde time contrary to this act, or refuse to abiure, and be therof conuicte in maner and fourme that is aforesaide: that than euery such offendour shall forfaite all his goodes and cattalles, and haue perpetual imprisonment.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that the offence of readinge, preachinge, teachinge, defendinge or maintenining matter, contrary to the determination set forthe or to be set forth by the kinges maiestie our saide souereigne lord kinge Henrie the eight, be obiected against the offendour, within one yere nexte after suche offence committed and done, or els the offendour therin to suffer no punishment by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in triall by witnes of any of the matters or offences aboue specified in this acte, the person, or persons, beinge detecte or complained on, shalbe admitted to purge and trie his or their innocency by other witnesse, as many or mo in numbre, and of as good honesty and credence as those be which deposed against them or any of them, in whiche case the saide iudge or iudges, which shall haue auctoritie to examine here and determine the offences aboue saide, by auctoritie of this acte, shall aduisedly and deliberately survey and consider the witnes brought in by bothe partes, and their disposicions and circumstances therof, and there vpon condempne or dismisse from punishment and lose, the person detecte or complayned vpon, as to his owne discretion shall seeme best to agree with conscience and equitie.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte be vnderstand, that no person or persons shall incurre any payne or penaltie in this acte, for offending of any doctrine hereafter to be set forthe by the kinges maiestye, as is aforesaide, till one moneth be past and expired nexte after such doctrine shall be put in printe, within which time of a moneth, next after such doctrine emprinted, euery person may haue notise of the same.

¶ Prouided also that this acte concerning the sixe articles, shall still remayne and continewe in the same forse strenght and effecte, as it was before the making of this acte, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further prouided by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kinges maiestie our soueraigne lorde that nowe is king Henry the.viii. may at any time hereafter at his highnes libertie and pleasure, chaunge and alter this present act and prouisions of the same, or any clause or article therin conteined

ned, as to his highnes moſt excellent wiſdome ſhall ſeme conuenient, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that for the more ſpedie execution of this act, euery ordinary aforeſaid, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to giue notice to two iuſtices of peace, being vnder degree of barons, and being reſiaunt and inhabitaunt within ſuch ſhyre where any ſuch ordinary ſhall ſit for the execucion of this acte and require them to come to ſuche place, and at ſuche time as ſuche ordinarry ſhall name and aſſigne, to ioine with the ſaid ordinary in examinacion and determinacion of any offence or offences committed or done againſt the tenour of this act. And in caſe any ſuche iuſtices, being ſo required, as is aforeſaide, hauing conuenient and reaſonable warning and knowledge in writinge from and at ſuche time, of the day and place appointed, do not come to ueh place and at ſuche time, as ſhalbe appointed, hauinge no lawfull and iuſt impediment to the contrary, ſhall forfaite and loſe to the kinges highnes, for euery ſuch offence .vl.s. to be eſtreated, as is aforeſaide.

¶ An act concerning collectours and receiuers. Cap. ii.

Where diuers and ſundry highe collectours of the .xb. and ſubſidy, one to the kinges highenes, and diuers other his particuler and generall receiuours of his reuenues and duties, being within the ſuruey rule and order of his maieſties court of the Eſcheker. the duchy of Lancaſter, the court of . of the augmētacions of the reuenues of his crowne, the court of the generall Surueyours, the court of the wardes and liueres, and the court of the tenthe and firſt fruites, haue heretofore, after the collection leuying or gathering of the kinges fiftenes. ſubſidies, rentes, debtes and other his money and duties, reteined occupied and conuerted the ſame to their owne ſinguler profit and commoditie, as in loning or leying out the ſame for gaynes in purchaſing landes of great value, and in bying of woles, & other marchandiſe, whereby the kinges maieſtye hath oft times loſt great parte of his debtes and duties, and ſome time forborne the ſame by a long ſeaſon, after ſuch time as the ſame haue ben due and gathered. For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeined and eſtabliſhed, by the kinges highnes with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſēbled, and by thauctoritie of the ſame, that euery highe collectour of any .xb. ſubſidie or other tare or ione, and all and euery other the kinges ſaid particuler and generall receiuours, of any the ſayde ſummes of money, and other duties belonging to the king, from and after the firſt day of July nexte comming, ſhal within the ſpace of three monethes next after ſuch dayes and times, as any the ſayd fiftenes ſubſidies, rentes, ſummes of money, or other yerely profittes, ſhall be due and payable to the kinge his heires or ſucceſſours, by any ſtatute ordinaunce or other meane,

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and by the same collectour particuler or generall receiuour, or any of them receiued or gathered, truely content deliuer and pay the same to the kinges vse, at suche place or places, and to suche person or persons, as he or shalbe named and appoynted and limitted for the same, vpon payne to forfait to the kinge hys heyres and successours, for euery pounde so beinge receiued, & after that reteined kepte or layde out for gayne, and not payd within thre monethes, to the kinges vse, as is aforesayde .iiii. shillinges for euerye moneth that the same money shall be so reteined kepte or layde out for gayne as is aforesayde, and also shall lose and forfaite his or theyr saide office, concerning the same, and al profites therunto belonging. And that the kynge shall at his pleasure charge the said collectour particuler or generall receyuour vpon his or their accomptes with the penaltie and forfaitures aboue rehersed, or els at his pleasure demaunde aske and recouer the same by action bill plainte or suite of debte, against the same collectour or collectours, particuler or general receiuour, their heires, executours or administratours: In which action bill plaint or suite no protection, essoine or wager of law shall be allowed nor admitted.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any of the sayd collectours, particuler or generall receiuours, tender payemente of all suche money by theym receyued to the kinges vse, within the sayde three monethes, in suche place, and vnto suche person and persons, as he or shall be charged with the receipte of the same, and do as muche as in him or them is, or than shalbe for to make true payment therof: and can not be therunto admitted, by reason of importunate busines, or other lawefull impediment or cause in him or them that shoulde accepte or receiue the same, that in euerye suche cause, the same, collectour, particuler or generall receiuour or receiuours, as shall so make tender of all suche money by him or them receiued or gathered to the kinges vse, as is aforesaid, & cannot be therunto admitted for any the causes aboue sayde, shal not be charged with, or incurre any danger or penalty cõteined in thys act: this act or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstãding.

¶ Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the heire or heires of any collectour or receiuour aforesaid, shall not be charged or chargeable, by reason of thys acte, but onely for and in suche landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whiche the sayde heire or heires haue or shall haue by discent in fee simple or fee tayle, or by gifte or els by any other assurance had or made to any such heire or heyres only by couin from the said collectour or receiuour, or any of them, or any theyr assignes. And that in all and euerye suche case and cases, the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours, to haue execution only of & in such lãds tenemẽtes or hereditamẽts discended, giuẽ or otherwise assured, as is aforesaid, vntil suche time as hys maiestie, his heires & successors, be fully satisfied & paid of al and euery suche sum & sũmes of money, due or to be due by any such collectour or receiuour.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the executour or executours, administratour or administratours of euerye suche collectour or receyuour, shall not

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be otherwise charged or chargeable by this act, but as executours and administratours be or shoulde be charged and chargeable by the order of the common lawes of this realme, in actions of debte, used and commensed against them, as executours or administratours.

¶ Prouided also and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that where the heyre and heires of any of the kinges receiuours or collectours or debtours, is or shalbe charged of and for his fathers or aunceStours debtes or dueties, whose heire he is, wherby the landes descended or giuen to him by couine, to defraude the kinges execution of suche lande vnto him or them from the saide father or aunceStours is put in execution, that than such heire or heires shall and may haue his or theyr action of debte agaynste the executours or administratours of his sayde father or aunceStour, and shall haue execution of the goodes and cattalles of the sayd father or aunceStour, being in the handes of the saide executours or administratours, at the time of the said action brought: In which said action none essoine protection nor wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this act shall not extende to the collectours of the kinges custome, and of the subsidie of tonnage and pondage, whiche be accomptable yerely in the kinges maiesties escheker.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that thys acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not extende or be preiudiciall to any the sayde generall or particular receiuour or receiuours, to or for the paymentes of anye pencions, fees, annuities, rentes, or other allowances, by them or any of them payde, or to be paide, to any person or persons, accordinge to suche allowance order or decre, as be or hereafter shalbe allowed, ordered, or decreed in anye of the sayde courtes, any thinge in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the assise of cole and wood. Cap. iii.

WHere of late yeares, not onelye the kinges highnesse, but also all hys louinge subiectes, haue beene muche dyscepued in theyr fuell, that they haue brought by the greedye coueteous mindes of the sellers of the same, as well by the vntrue measures of coles, littell and lyttell continuallye minisshed, as also in the vntrewe lengthe and quantitie of faggotte, talwood, and billette, to the greatte discreite and losse, as well of our sayde souerayngne lorde, as also of all hys faythfull and trewe subiectes. For reformacion whereof, be it enacted by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and by the commons in thys presente parlyamente assembled, and by the auctho̅ritie of the same, that no personne, from the feaste of the purificacion of our blessed Ladye, that shall bee in the yeare of our lorde, a thousande fyue hundred fortye and three, shall bargayne, sell, brynge, or conuey, to be vttered or solde, wyth

within the citie of London, or elles where wythin this realme of England, nr to Caleys or the marches of the same, anye cooles, fagottes, bylletes, or talwood, but of the measures quantities lengthes and assises hereafter ensuinge, that is to saye, that euery quarter of cooles shall conteine in cleane cooles .viii. bushels at the least, and euery shyde of talwood to conteyne in length .iiij. foote of assise at least, besyde the carfe: and euerie talle shyde of one, to be in greatnes in the middes .xx. inches of assise at the least: and euery talle shyde, named of two to conteine in greatnes in the middes .xxvi inches of assise at the least: and euerye talle shyde, name of .iii. to conteyne in greatnes .xxii ynches of assise at the least. And euerye talle shyde, named of .iiii. to conteyne in greatnes in the middes .xxviii. ynches of assise at the least, & euery talyshyd, named of v. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes .xliiii. ynches of assise at the least. And that no pere of talewood be made of anye moe shydes, than onely v. and that no halfe shyde be made but onely of him selfe nor marked wyth an other. And euery fagott bedde, with all that belongeth therto, to conteyne in length .iii. foote of assise at the leaste, the bonde of euery whiche faggotte to conteyne three quarters of a yarde at the leaste, besyde the knotte. And euery bylletto be onely of one cast and not aboue. And the halfe of euery loode of suche billettes, to be singles, and euery single billette to conteyne aboute the middes .ix. ynches of assise at the leaste, and in length wyth the carfe .iii. foote and an halfe of assise. And euery double billet to be in greatnes in the middes .xii: ynches of assise at the least. And euery person, that so shall bargayne sell bringe or conuey to be uttered or solde, any cooles, fagotte, billette, or talwood, contrary to the true meaning and intent of this present acte, shall forfaite all suche cooles, faggot, billette, and talwood, or the value therof, The one halfe of the sayde forfaitures to be to the kinge our souereigne lorde, and the other halfe to hym that will seale the same, or sue therfore, in anye of the kynges courtes, by writte, bill plainte or informacion: wherin none essoine protection nor wager of lawe to be allowed. And further, the sayde offender within anye citie borough or towne to be punished by the discrecion of the Maire or other head officer of the same citie borough or towne, for the tyme beinge. And the sayde offendour, out of the sayde citie borough or towne, to be punished by the discrecion of two Justices of peace, inhabiting within the shyre, where the offence shall be committed or done. And the sayde offendours in Caleis, or the marches of the same, to be punished by the discreasion of the mayre & his bretherne there. and the offendours contrary to the premisses in the household of our sayde souereigne lorde the kinge, and hys heires or successours, to susteine suche further punishment, as shall seme expedient to the head officer of the same household for the time beynge, or three of them, wherof the treasourer or the comptroler for the time beinge to be one,

¶ An acte against suche persons as do make bankrupt. Cap. iiii.

WHere diuerse and sundrie persons, craftly obteynynge into theyr handes great substance of other mennes goodes, doe sodenly flee to parties vnknowen, or kepe theyr houses, not myndynge to paye or restore to anye their creditours, their debtes and duties, but at their owne willes and pleasures consume the substance obteined by credite of other men, for their owne pleasure and delicate liuinge, against all reason equetie and good conscience. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyament, that the lorde Chaūcellour of England, or keper of the great seale, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde Presidente, lorde Priuie seale, and other of the kinges most honorable Priuie counsayle, the chiefe iustices of eyther benche, for the time beinge, or three of them at the least, wherof the lorde Chauncellour or keper of the great seale. lorde Treasourer, lorde Presidente, or the lorde Priuie seale, to be one, vpon euery compaynte made to them in writynge by any parties greued concerning the premisses, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to take by their wisdomes and discreacions, suche orders and directions, as well with the bodies of suche offendours aforesayde, where so euer they may be had, or otherwise, as also with their lands tenemētes fees annuities and offices, whiche they haue in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of life terme of yeres, or in the right of their wiues, as muche as the interest, righte and title of the same offendour shall extende or be, and maye than lawfullye be departed wyth, by the sayd offendour, and also wyth their money goodes cattelles, wares, marchaundyses, & debtes, where so euer they may be found or knowen, And to cause their saide landes tenementes fees annuities offices goodes cattelles wares marchaundises, and debtes to be serched viewed rented and appraised, and to make sale of the saide landes tenementes fees annuities and offices, as muche as the same offender may than lawfullye geue graunt or depart wyth, or otherwise to order the same for true satisfaction and paiement of the said creditours: that is to saie, to euery of the saide creditours, a portion rate and rate like, accordinge to the quantitie of theyr debtes. And that euerie direction order bargaine sale and other thinges done by the saide lordes auctorised, as is aforesaid, in writinge signed with their handes, by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe good and effectual in the lawe to all intentes constructions and purposes against the said offenders, their heyres and executours for euer, as though the same order direction bargayn and sale had bene made by the saide offendour or offenders, at hys or their owne free wyll and libertie by writinge indented enrolled in any the kynges courtes of recorde.

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¶ And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if after anie suche acte or offence committed and complainte thereof made to the saide lordes as is aforesayde, anie partie greued concerninge the premisses knowinge, suppolinge, or suspectinge any of the goodes, cattalles wares, marchaundises or debtes of suche offendour or offendours, to be in custodye vse, occupienge kepinge or possession of any person or persons, or anie person or personnes to be endebted to any suche offendour or offendours, doe make relacion therof to the sayde lordes, to whom auctoritie is geuen by this presente acte as is aforesayde: that then the saide lordes shall by vertue hereof, haue full power and auctoritie to sende for and conuente afore them by suche proces, waies or meanes, as they shall thinke conuenient by their discreacions, all and euery suche person and persons so knowen supposed or suspected, to haue anie suche goodes catalles wares, marchaundises or debtes in his or their custodie vse occupacion kepinge or possession, or supposed or suspected, to be indebted to suche offendour or offendours: and vpon theyr apperaunce to examine them and euery of them as well by theyr othes, as otherwise by suche wayes and meanes, as the sayde lordes by their discreacions, shall thinke mete and conuenient for and vpon the specialtie, certeyntye, true declaracion and knowledge, of all and singuler suche goodes, cattales, wares, marchaundises, and debtes, of anye suche offendours as be supposed or suspected to be in his or their custodie, vse occupacion or possession, and of all suche debtes as by them or anye of them, shall be supposed or suspected to be owinge to anye suche offendour. And if anye suche person or persons vpon such examinacion do not disclose, plainely declare and shewe the whole truthe of suche thinges as he or they shall be examined of, concerninge the premisses: than euery suche person or personnes so examined, and not declaringe the playne and whole trouthe, concerninge the premisses, vpon due proofe therof to be made, before the sayde lordes therefore authorised as is aforesayde, by witnesse, examinacion, or otherwise, to the same lordes shall seme sufficient in that behalfe, shall lose and forfaite double the value of all suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises, debtes, by them or any of them so conceled and not wholy and playnly declared and shewed, whiche forfaiture shall be leuied and recouered by the sayd lordes, hauinge auctoritie as is aforesayd, by suche wayes and meanes as to them shall seme requisite and conuenient. And the same forfaiture to be distributed and imploied to and for the satisfaction and payemente of the debtes of the sayde creditour or creditoures, in suche like maner rate and fourme as is above declared, concerninge the orderinge of the goodes and cattelles, of the sayde offendours, kepinge their houses, or fleynge to places vnknowen, as is aforesaide.

¶ And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye suche persone or personnes shall kepe his or their houses, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforesaide, any person or personnes doe fraudulently by co-

ueine or collusion, claime or demaund anye debt duetye or other thinge by writinge or otherwise, of anye suche offendour or offendours, other than suche as he or they can and doe proue to be due by right, and conscience in fourme aforesayde, before the sayd lordes hauing auctho*r*itie by this present acte, as is aforesaide, and the same to procede bona fide, wythout fraude or coueine: that then euery suche person and persons, so craftely demaundyng or claiminge any suche debt, duetie or other thinge, as is aforesayde, shal forfaite and lose double as muche as he or they shall so claime or demaunde. And the same forfaiture to be leuied recouered and employed in maner and fourme as is afore rehersed.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by the auctho*r*itie aforesaide, that if anye suche person or persons, which shall kepe his or their houses, or flee to parties vnknowen, as is aforesayde, of entent to delaye or defraude their creditours disceitfully by couyne or collusion, suffre or cause anye other person or persons, to recouer agaynst him or them any debtes, goodes, cattelles, wares, or marchaundises wythout iust cause and title so to doe, procedinge bona fide without fraude or coueine, that than vpon complainte therof made to the sayde lordes hauinge auctho*r*itie by this present acte, as is aforesayde the same lordes, shall haue power and auctho*r*itie by vertue hereof to conuent and call before them the sayde recouerer or recouerers, and after suche fraude disceite coueyne or collusion shall playnely appeare or be duely proued before the sayde lordes auctho*r*ised, as is aforesayde, all the sayde goodes and cattelles of the sayde offendour so recouered, shall be chargeable imployed ordered and deliuered towarde the payment of the trewe and due debtes of the saide creditour, after the maner fourme and rate as is afore specified, by the discrecion of the saide lordes, hauinge auctho*r*itie by thys present acte, the aforesaid false and fayned recouereies not wythstandynge, so that alwayes suche false and fayned recoueries shall not be in force, or anye execucion therby had of or vppon any goodes cattelles landes, or tenementes of any suche offendour or offendours, vntill suche time as all his or their true and due debtes and duties, shall be fully satisfied contented and payed to his or their creditours. And neuertheles after that the sayde true debtes and duetyes, shall be fully satisfied and payde, as is aforesayde as well the bodie of the sayd offendour, as hys landes tenementes goodes and cattalles, shall be charged & lyable to the execucion of the sayde recouery accordinge to the tenour force and effect of the same.

¶ And be it also enacted by the same auchtorite, that if any suche person or persones whiche shalbe indetted, do withdrawe him selfe out of this realme and other the kinges dominions, into anye foreine realme, or countreye, to the intent therby to abyde and remayne, in defraude of hys creditours: that than vppon complaynte in writinge concerninge the premisses, thereof made to the sayde lordes hauinge auctho*r*itie, as is aforesayd, the same lordes

shall

shall by vertue and auctoritie of this present act haue power & auctoritie to award proclamacions to be made in such places as to them shalbe thought mete and conuenient, commaunding by the same such offendour in the kinge our soueraigne lordes name, to returne with all conuenient spede into thys realme, and to yelde hys bodye before the sayd lordes, hauinge auctoritie as is aforesayd or one of them. And if the sayd person within three monethes nert after he shall haue knowledge of such proclamation, or as sone after as he conueniently may, do not repaire and yelde hys bodie as is aforesayd, that than the bodie of all and euerie suche offendour and offendours shall be adiudged taken and deemed to al intentes and purposes out of the kinges protection, and that also all goodes cattelles landes tenementes and debtes of euery such offendour shall be by the order and discrecion of the sayd lordes imployed and distributed amonges hys creditours equallie and indifferently rate for rate, in like maner and fourme as is afore declared. And that also euerye person or persones that shall willingly helpe to ayde imbesyll or conuey any such person or persons, theyr said goodes, cattelles, wares, or marchaundises out of thys realme, and other the kinges domynyons, in to anie forreyne realme or place, knowinge the sayde person or persons to departe or withdraw them selues, or conuey their said goodes, cattelles, wares and marchaundises for the cause and intent aforesayde shall suffre suche peines by imprisonment of their bodies, or paye suche fine to our soueraygne lorde the kinge, his heires or successours, as to the sayde lordes hauinge auctoritie by vertue of thys present acte, shall seme mete and conueniente for their sayde offence or offences.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if the creditours of any such offendour or offendours, whiche shal kepe his or their house or houses, or which shal absent or withdrawe them selues into places vnknowen, for the cause aforesayd, be not fully satisfied and payed or otherwise contented for their debtes and duties, by the wayes and meanes afore specified and declared, that than the sayd creditour and creditours, and euerie of them, shall and maye haue their remedie for the recouery and leueng of the residue of the same debtes or duties, wherof they shall not be fully satisfied & payed, or otherwise contented in forme aforesayde agaynst the sayde offendour or offendours in like maner and fourme as they shoulde or myght haue had, before the makinge of this acte. And that the sayde creditour and creditours, and euerie of them, shalbe onely barred and excluded by vertue of this act, of and for all and euerie suche parte and porcion of the sayde debtes and duties, as shalbe payed satisfied distributed or deliuered vnto hym or them by the sayde lordes, hauinge auctoritie as is aforesaide, and of no more porcion or parcell there, anye thinge herein specified that maye be taken or construed to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An act for the explanacion of the statutes of willes. Cap. ij.

WHere in the last parliamet, begun & holdē at westminster the .xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the .xxxi. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and there by diuers prorogacios holden & continued vnto the .xviii. daye of July, in the .xxxiii. yere of his sayde reygne: It was by the kinges most gracious & liberall disposicion shewed toward his moste humble and obedient subiectes ordeined and enacted, how & in what maner lādes, tenemētes & hereditamētes, might by will or testamēt, in wryting or otherwise by any act or actes laufully executed in the life of euery person, geuen disposed willed or deuised, for the aduancemēt of the wife preferrement of children, payment of debtes of euery such person, or otherwise at his will or pleasure, as in the same acte more playnelye is declared. Sithen the making of whiche estatute diuers doubtes, questions, & ambiguities, haue rysen, ben moued and growen, by diuersitie of opinions taking in and vpon the exposicion of the letter of the same estatute.

¶ For a playne declaracion and explanacion wherof, and to the intent and purpose, that the kinges obedient and louinge subiectes shall and maye take the commoditie and aduauntage of the kinges sayde gracious and lyberall disposition, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, moste humblye beseechen the kinges maiestie, that the meninge of the letter of the same estatute, concerning such maters herafter rehersed, maye be by the auctoritie of this present parliament enacted, taken, expounded, iudged, declared, & explaned, in maner and fourme folowinge.

¶ First where it is conteyned in the same former statute, within diuers articles and branches of the same, that all and singuler person and persons, hauing any manour landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the estate of inheritance shoulde haue full and free libertie power & auctoritie, to geue wil, dispose, or assygne, as well by last wyll & testament in wrytinge or other wise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in hys lyfe hys manours landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, or anye of them, in suche maner & fourme, as in the same former act more at large it doth apere. Whiche wordes of estate of inheritaunce, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, is and shall be declared, expounded, taken, and iudged, of estates in fee simple onelye. And also that al and singular person and persones hauing a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in copercenery, or in common in fee simple of and in any manours, landes, tenements, rentes, or other hereditamentes, in possession, reuercion or remainder, or of rentes or seruices incident to anye reuercion or remainder, & hauing no manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes holden of the king, his heires, or successours, or of any other persone or persones, by knightes seruice, shall haue full and free libertie, power, and auctoritie, to giue, dispose, will, or deuise to any persone or persones excepte

cept bodies politike & corporat) by his laſt wil and teſtament, in writinge or otherwiſe, by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him ſelfe ſolye or by him ſelf & other ioyntly ſeuerally or particularly, or by all thoſe wayes or any of them, as muche as in him of right is or ſhalbe, all his ſayde manors landes tenementes, rentes and hereditamentes, or anye of them, or any rentes commons or other profittes, or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the ſame, or out of anye parcell therof, at his owne free will and pleaſure: any clauſe in the ſayde former act not withſtanding.

¶ And further be it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforeſaide, that all and ſinguler perſon and perſons, hauinge a ſole eſtate or intereſt in fee ſimple, or ſeiſed in fee ſimple, in copercenery, or in common in fee ſimple of or in any manours landes, tenementes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, in poſſeſſion reuercion or remainder, or of & in anye rentes or ſeruices incident to any reuercion or remainder, holden of the kinge by knightes ſeruice in cheife, or of the nature of knightes ſeruice in chiefe, hath and by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament ſhall haue full and free libertie power & auctoritie, to giue, diſpoſe will or aſſigne to any perſon or perſons (except bodies politike and corporate) by his laſt will and teſtament in wrytinge, or otherwiſe by anye acte or actes, lawfully executed in hys life by him ſelf ſolye, or by him ſelfe and other ioyntly ſeuerally or particularly, or by all thoſe wayes or any of them, as muche as in him of righte is or ſhalbe, two partes aſwell of all the ſayde manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, & hereditamentes, as of all and ſinguler his other rentes and hereditamentes, or of any of them or anye rentes commons, or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the ſame two partes, or out of any parcel therof, in three partes to be deuided, or as much therof, as ſhall amounte to the ful and clere yerely value of two partes therof, in three partes to be deuided, of what perſon or perſons ſo euer they be holden, at his free will and pleaſure. And that by the authoritie aforeſaide, the ſaide will ſo declared, ſhalbe good and effectuall for two partes of the ſayde manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, although the will ſo declared be made of the whole, or of more than of two partes of the ſame. The ſame deuiſion to be made and ſet forth by the deuiſour or owner of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, by hys laſt will in wryting or otherwiſe in wryting. And in defaute therof by a commiſſion to be graunted out of the kings courte of the wardes and liueries, vpō the inquery of the true value therof, by the othes of xii. men and returne or certificat therof had in the ſame courte of the ſayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, diuiſion to be made by the mayſter of the wardes and liueries, if the mayſter of the wardes and liueries for the tyme beynge, & the parties therunto can not otherwiſe agree vpon the ſame deuiſion. And that the iſſues and profittes of the two partes of the ſame manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, vpon euery ſuch deuiſion, to be reſtored to them, that ſhall haue ryght or title to the ſame from the death of the owner or deuiſour therof.

And

¶ And further be it enacted and declared by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler person and personnes, hauinge a sole estate interest and fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in copercenerye, or in common in fee simple of & in any manors, landes, tenementes, rentes or other hereditamentes in possession, reuercion or remainder, or of and in any rentes or seruices, incident to any reuercion or remainder holden of the king, hys heyres or successours, by knightes seruice, and not in cheife, or holden of anye other person or persons by knightes seruice, shall haue ful & free libertie power and auctoritie, to giue dispose will or deuise to anye person or persons, excepte bodies politike & corporate, by his last will and testament in writinge, or otherwise by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life by him self soly, or by him self and other ioyntly seuerally or particularly, or by all those wayes, or anye of them as muche as in him of righte is or shalbe, two partes of al the saide manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, anye of them so holden by knightes seruice, or any rentes cõmon or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of anye parcell therof, in thre partes to be deuided, or as muche therof, as shal amount to the full and clere yerely value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be deuided, at hys free will and pleasure. And that the sayd will so declared by auctoritie afore sayde, shalbe good and effectuall for two partes of the said manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, although the will so declared be or shall be made of the whole landes and tenementes, so holden by knightes seruice, or of more than of two partes of the same. And also for the whole of all other such manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, or any of them not holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in cheife, or otherwise by knightes seruice, nor of any other person by knightes seruice, & of any rentes cõmons or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same, or out of anye parcell therof, at his free will and pleasure. The same diuision to be made & set forth by the owner of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last will and testament in writinge or otherwise in writinge. And in defaulte therof, for as muche of the same manours landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as shall concerne the kinges interest, by commission to be directed out of the kinges courte of wardes and leueries, in maner and fourme as is aforesaid, if the maister of the wardes and liueries for the time beinge, and the parties therunto cannot otherwise agree vpon the same deuision: And that restitucion of the issues and profites of the two partes therof, shalbe had & made in maner and fourme aboue sayde. And for such of the same manours, landes, tenementes & hereditamẽtes, as shall concerne the interest of any other lorde or lordes, by commission to be graunted out of the kinges court of the Chauncery, to enquire therof by the othes of .xii. men, if the same lorde or lordes, and the parties thereunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by auctoritie aforesaide, that the sauinges reseruinges and prouisions, concerninge saufuge of the custodie ward-

wardship reliefe and primer seasone to the kinge, of suche manours, landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or as much therof as shal appertayne vnto him by vertue of the saide former act, and by the declaracion & exposicion therof, declared by this present acte, dorynge the kynges interest therein: And also of the custodie and wardship to other lordes, of as muche of suche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes holden of them, as shall amount and extende to the clere yerely value to the thirde part therof, ouer & aboue al charges, without any diminution or abridgement of the thyrde parte, or of the full profittes therof, compriſed and mencioned in diuers articles in the sayde former act conteined, by the auctoritie aforesaid, be & shall be intended expounded and taken, as hereafter ensueth: that is to say, that the kinge shall haue and take for hys full thirde parte, of all suche manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, wherunto he is or shalbe intitled by the sayde former acte, and by this present acte, suche manours, landes, and tenementes, as shall by anye meanes descende, or come by discende, as well of estate of enheritaunce in fee tayle, as in fee simple, or in fee tayle onely to ỹ heyre of anye suche person, that shall make anye will, gifte, disposicion, or deuise by his last will in writinge, or by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, immediatly after the death of the same deuisour or owner therof. And that the will gifte and deuise of euery suche deuisour or owner, of and for the two partes of the sayde manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes residue, shall by the auctoritie aforesaide, be & stand good and effectuall in the law, albeit the same will, gifte, or deuise be had and made of all his fee simple landes, tenemetes and hereditamentes, or of the more parte therof. And in case the same manours landes, tenementes & hereditamentes whiche after the death of any such owner or deuisour, whiche shall make any suche gifte disposicion or deuise by his last will in writinge or other wise by anye acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, to hys wife, childzen, or otherwise, as is aforesayde, whiche shall immediately after hys death discend reuert remaine or come to his heire or heires, as well of estate of inheritaunce in fee tayle, as of estate in fee simple, or fee tayle onely, be not or shall not amount or extende to the full clere yerely value of the full thyrde parte with the full profittes therof, of all the sayde manors, landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of the saide deuisour or owner, according to ỹ true intent and meaninge of the sayde former acte, and of this present acte: that than the kinge shal and maye haue and take into his handes and possession to make vp his full thirde part, with the full profittes therof according to his interest therin as muche of the other manours landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes willed, giuen, disposed or assigned by any such person, to his wife childzen or otherwise, as is aforesayde, as with suche of the same manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes descended, or by any meanes come vnto the heire, as heire of any suche deuisour or owner, shall make vp the clere yerely value of the sayd full thyrde part, with the full profittes therof, of all the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, of euery suche

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owner or deuisour, so to be had to the kinge, in title of wardeship or primer seasen, as the case shall require. And the deuision therof to be had and made & with the restitucion of the profits of the two partes of the said manors, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes in suche maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed And like benefite and aduantage to be giuen had and taken by the sayde auctoritie, to euery lord and lordes, of whom any suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes be or shall be holden by knightes seruice, in maner and fourme as is aboueſayde, concerninge onely his or their thyrde partes therof, according to their said interest therin.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auchtoritie aforesaide, that if it happen the same thirde parte, or any parte therof, lefte, willed, or assigned, to ꝑ kynge or other lorde, at any time during the interestes therin, to be lawfully euicted or determined: that than the kinge and the other lorde, shall haue as muche of the two partes residue, as shall accompliſhe and make vp a full thirde parte in clere yerely value, after the rate & porcion of suche manours landes, tenementes and hereditaments, as shall then happen to remayn of the same third part not euicted nor determined: and of the other two partes of suche manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamẽtes, as the king or other lorde shoulde or ought to haue had, by vertue of the sayde former act, & this present act: and the same to be deuided in maner & fourme aboue reherſed, any clause in the sayd former act notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by thauctoritie aforesayde that the sauinge and reseruinge for fines for alienacion by any suche laſte wyll and testament of suche manors, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in cheif, or of the nature of knyghtes seruice in cheife, or by socage in cheife or of the nature of socage, tenure in cheife, or for fines for alienacion, of suche manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof there shall be any alteracion of freholde or of inheritaunce, made by any suche laſte will, compriſed in diuers and sundry articles, mencioned in the sayde former acte, be and shalbe extended expounded taken, deemed and iudged, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all such person or persons, to whome the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any them, be or shall be giuen, diſpoſed, willed or deuiſed by anye suche laſte will, shalbe exonerate acquited and discharged for euer agaynſte the kinge, his heires and succeſſours, for all suche fines for alienacions, by any such last will or testamente, without licence by suing forth of the kinges pardon for alienacion out of the kinges courte of Chauncery, paynge to the kinge, hys heires and succeſſours, for the fine of euery such alienaciõ, the third part of the yerely value of the same manors landes, tenemẽtes or other hereditamẽtes, to him or thẽ willed or deuiſed: and this act, frõ time to time shal be a sufficiẽt warrant to ꝑ lord chauncellour of englaud, or keper of the great seale, for the time being, for the graunting out of the said pardon or pardons vnder the kinges great seale, as heretofore hath bene vſed for pardons for alienacions, without anye further sute to be made to the kinge for the same.

And

¶ And it is further declared and enacted, of the auctoritie aforesaide that willes or testamentes, made of any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, by any woman couert, or person within the age of xxi yeres, idiote, or by any person de non sana memoria, shall not be taken to be good or effectuall in the lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, hauing estate of inheritaunce, of or in manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the kinge by knightes seruice in theise or otherwise of the kinge by knightes seruice, or of any other person or persons by knightes seruice, hath giuen at any time sithen the xx. daye of the sayde moneth of July, or hereafter shall giue, will, deuise or assigne, by will or other act executed in hys lyfe, his manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them by fraude or connein, to any other person or persons for terme of peres life or liues, with one remainder ouer in fee, or wythe diuers remainders ouer for terme of peres, life, or in tayle, with a remainder ouer in fee simple, to any person or persons, or to his or theyr right heyres, or at any time sithen the sayde xx. day of July, hath conueied or made, or hereafter shall conuey or make by fraude or couueine, contrary to the true intent of this acte, any estates, condicions, menalties, tenures, or conueiances, to the intent to defraude or deceiue the kinge of his prerogatiue primer seasin, liuerie, releue, wardship, mariages, or rightes: or any other loyde of their wardeships, reliefes, heriotes, or other profittes, whiche shoulde or ought to accrue, growe or come vnto them or any of them, by or after the deathe of his or their tenaunt, by force and according to the former statute and of this present acte and declaration: and the same estates and other conueiances, beinge founde by office to be so made or continued by conuyne, fraude or deceite, as is abouesayde, contrary to the true intent & meaninge of the sayde former acte, and of this acte: That then the kinge shall haue as well the wardship of the bodye, and custodye of the landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as liuerie, primer seasin, relefe, and other profyttes, whiche should or ought to apperteine to the kinge, according to the true intent and meaninge of the sayde former acte, and of this present acte, as thoughe no such estates or conueyaunces by coueyne had neuer ben had or made, vntill the sayde office be lawfully vndone by trauers or otherwise.

And that the loyde and other loydes, of whome any suche manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall be holden by knightes seruice, as is aforesayde shall haue ther remedie in such cases, for his or their wardships of bodies and landes, by writ of right of ward, and shall distreine and make auowry or cognisaunce by them selues or theyr baylyffes, for their reliefes, herriottes, and othe profittes, which should haue ben to them due by or after the death of their tenaunte, as if no suche estate or conueiaunce had ben had or made. Sauing and reseruing alwayes, by the auctoritie afore sayde the right and title of the donees feoffes, lessees and deuices therof against the saide deuisour and his heires, after the interest and title of the kynge or

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other lorde therin ended and determined.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte explanacion and declaracion, or anye of them, or any thynge in this saide acte explanacion or declaracion conteyned shall not entend to the will or deuise of syr John Gaynsford, late of Crowherst in the countye of Surrey knyght decessed: Nor to the will or deuise of syr Peter Filpot knight decessed: Nor thero will or deuise of Richard Crelwell, late of Mattingley, in the countye of South, gentilman decessed, nor to the will or deuise of Thomas Unton, late of the countie of Berk. gentilman decessed, son of Sir Thomas Unton knight, also decessed: or shalbe in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, for or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, conteyned or especified in the sayde willes or deuises, or in anye of them, but that the sayde laste willes and deuises, and euery of them, shall stande abide remayne and be in the same case force and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes purposes and constructions as the sayde last willes and deuises, and euery of them, were before the making of this acte declaracion & explanacion, and of none other effecte or force: this acte declaracion & explanacion, or any of thē or any thing therin conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not wythstanding.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, from whom the king or other lorde or lordes shall take any manors, landes tenementes or hereditamentes for his or their full thirde parte, or to make vphys or their thirde parte shall and maye, by auctoryte of this present act, in any of the cases aforesaide vpon his or their bill exhibited in the kinges courte of Chauncery, against all and euery suche person & persons, whiche shalbe intitled by or vnder anye suche will gifte disposicion or deuise, to the other two partes, haue suche contribucion or recompence for the same, as by the Chauncellour of England, or by the keper of the great seale of Englande for the time beinge, shall be thought good and conuenient.

¶ An act for true making of pinnes. Cap. vi.

TO auoid the sleightye and al false making of pinnes which be dayly vented vttered and put to sale within this realme to the no litle hurte and dommage of the kinges subiectes biers and occupiers of the same: Be it enacted by the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no maner person or persons from and after the fyrste day of August now nert commig, shal vent vtter or put to sale by retayle engrosse or otherwise, any maner of pinnes within this realme, but only such as shalbe double headed & haue the heads soudered fast to the shanke of the pinne, wel smethed, the shanke wel shauen, the poynt well and rounde filled canted and sharped, vpon peine that euery offendour in that behalf shall lose and

and forfait for euery.M. of pinnes, not sufficiently wrought and made, vented vttered or put to sale contrary to the purporte of thys acte .xl.s. the one halfe of the sayde forfaiture to be to the kinges maiestie, & the other halfe to any hys graces subiectes that will sue for the same, by byll, playnte, action of det, infourmacion, or otherwise in anye courte of recorde, wherin the defendant shall not wage hys lawe, nor anye protection or essoine forein plea allowed or admited, any lawe, statute, or ordinance heretofore made to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwayes that the penaltie of the sayde forfayture shall onely extende to the vtterer and seller of the saide pinnes, & not to the byer of them.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall sell anye pinnes aboue the rate or pryces, ẏ they heretofore within two yeres haue ben commonly sold at, vpon payne to forfayt, vi.s. viii. d. for euery.M. sold cōtrary to this prouision, the moitie of whiche forfayture shall be to the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other moytie shall be to him or them that will sue for the same, by action byll informacion or other sute in anye the kinges court of recorde, in the whiche none essoine protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed. This acte to take effect from the first daye of January next comming, & to endure to the laste day of the next parliament.

¶ An acte to aucthorise certayne of the kinges maiesties counsaile, to set prices vpon wines to be solde by retaile. Cap. vii.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto the kings maiestie the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in thys present parliament assembled, the vinteners being onely sellers and retailours of wine in all the cities, boroughes and al other townes where repaire of people is, & to the whiche the kinges subiectes do daily resorte within thys realme of England, that where, in the.xxviii. yere of the kinges maiesties moste gracious reigne, at the parliament holden at Westminster: It was amongest other good statutes enacted, ẏ no maner of persons should sel by retayle anye Gascoyne, Guion, or Frenche wines, aboue eyght pens the gallon, that is to saye, a peny the pinte, two pence the quarte, foure pence the pottle, & eight pence the gallon, vpon payne to forfayte for euerye pinte sold contrary to the acte. iiii. pence, euery quarte eyght pence, euery pottle. xii. pence, & euery gallon. ii, s. And that malmeseis, romneis, sackes, nor other swete wines shoulde be solde by retayle aboue. xii. d. the gallon. vi. d the pottle, iii. d. the quart, thre halfepence the pinte, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery gallon solde contrary to this acte iii. s. iiii. pence: for euery pottle. xx. d. for euery quart. xii. pence and for euery pinte, syx pence, as in the same acte more plainly is declared. Neuerthelesse it was prouided in the sayd act that the lorde Chancellour lorde Tresourer lorde President of the kinges counsaile, lorde Preuy seale, &

the two chiefe iustices, fiue, foure, or three of them, shall haue auctoritie & power, by their discrecion, to set the prices of all kinde of wines, that is to saye, the butte, tonne, pipe, hoggeshead, puncheon, teers, barrell or rundlet whan it shalbe solde in grosse: So that the same prices lymytted, be written and openly proclaymed as in the said acte it is lykewyse conteyned. Syth the making of which act such persons as did retayle wines within the sayde cities, boroughes, townes, and other places within thys realme, bought of the best wines of Gascon for.iiii li. xiiii.s.iiii.d, the tonne at the most, of the best frenche wynes.iii.li. the tun, malmeseis for.iii.li. the butte, bastardes, iii.li.vi.s. viii.pence the pipe, sackes and Romneis for fiue markes the butte at the most, the caskes or vessels conteining the same wynes, being full gauged so that vpon the retailyng therof agayne, they might sell the same wine at the prices limytted in the sayd acte, and had competente liuinges for them their wines, childzen, familye and housholde. Sith which tyme the sayd retaylours of wines cannot bie any good Gascon wines, onles they do pay to the marchante for the same after the rate of. vii. or viii. li. sterlinge the tonne at the leaste, and euerye tonne of frenche wine syr.li. sterlinges at the leaste, malmeseis for. v .li. the butte, sackes and romneis. iiii. li. x. s. the butte bastardes. v. li. the pipe, or fiue pounde, syr.s. eyght. d. And where the pipe of bastarde shoulde conteyne as muche as doth the sacke but, the same pype doth want of the same content twentye gallons at the least, & yerely wantes more & more. And also where the malmesey butte shoulde conteyne as muche as the butt of sack should do, the malmesey but likewyse wanteth of his true content. xii. or. xvi. gallons. And all be it the byers of the said wines maye by the sayd act of parliament allow them selues vppon the payment of their money for the same, yet the marchaunt in no wyse will sell his wines, onles the byers do indent, promise, and couenaunte with the saide marchaunte or otherwise binde them selfe, that they shall take none aduauntage of the said acte of gauginge. For all whiche causes your suppliantes can not sel and retayle the saide kindes of wyne, at suche pryce and prices, as is in the saide acte expressed, and lyue vppon the same, but be therby vtterly impouerished and vndoone, oneles other remedye by thys highe courte be for the reformacion therof spedely prouided. In tender consideracion wherof the premysses considerynge, and also for that the wynes called Mulkadels is reputed and taken for swete wyne, and oughte to be retayled at suche pryce as other wines, called swete wines, be mencioned in the sayde acte, the sayde retaylour can not bye that kinde of wine, vnder fiftene, or syxtene pounde the tunne. For reformacion whereof it maye please the kinges highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it maye be enacted and establyshed, that suche Lordes, as by the sayde former acte, haue auctoritie and power to sette prices of wyne in grosse, shall by vertue and force of thys Acte, haue the same auctoritie to muttygate, and enhaunce the price of wynes, hereafter to be solde

solde by retayle as often as time and occasion shall require: anye thinge in the sayde former acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstandinge. And their sayd prices, ordinaūces, after proclamacion ther of made, to be observed and kept, vpon payne or penaltye in the same proclamacions conteyned. The moitye of al whych penalties to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other moitye to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recorde by bill, playnt, or informacion: in the whych no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shalbe allowed. Thys acte to endure to the end of the next parlyament.

¶ An acte that persons being no common Surgions may minister outwarde medicines. Cap. viii.

Where in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. iii yere of the kinges moste gracious reygne, amongest other thinges for the auoydyng of sorceries, wytcherafte, and other inconuenyences, it was enacted, that no person within the citie of London, nor within .vii. myles of the same, shoulde take vpon hym to exercise and occupie as phisitian or surgyon except he be firste examined approued and admitted by the byshop of London and other, vnder and vpon certayn peynes & penalties in the same acte mencioned. Sithens the making of whiche sayde acte, the company and fellowshyp of Surgions of London, mindinge onely their owne lucres, & nothing the profitt or ease of the diseased or patiēt, haue sued troubled & vexed, diuers honest persōs as wel men as women, whom god hath endued with the knowledge of the nature kinde, & operacion of certeine herbes, rootes, & waters, & the vsinge and ministrunge of them, to suche as ben peyned with customable diseases: as womens brestes beinge sore, apin and the web in the eye, vncomes of handes, scaldinges, burninges, sore mouthes, the stone, stragury, saucelim, & mozlew, & such other lyke diseases. And yet the said persons haue not taken anye thing for their peynes or cunning, but haue ministred the same to the poore people onlie for neighborhoode & gods sake, and of pitie & charitie. And it is now well knowen, that the surgeons admitted will do no cure to anye person, but where they shall knowe to be rewarded with a greater summe or rewarde than the cure extendeth vnto, for in case they wold not minister their cunning to sore people vnrewarded, ther should not so many rotte, and perishe to death for lack of helpe of surgery as daylye dooe: but the great part of surgions admitted ben much more to be blamed, than those persons that they trouble. For all though the moste parte of the persons of the sayde crafte of surgions haue small cunnige, yet they will take great summes of money, & do litle therfore and by reason therof thei do often times vnpare and hurt their pacientes, rather then do them good. In consideracion wherof, and for the ease, comforte, succour, helpe releife, and helthe of the kinges poore subiectes, inhabitauntes of this hys realme now peined or diseased, or that hereafter shalbe peined or diseased, Be it ordeyned established and enacted, by the auctorite of thys presente parliament

that all time from henceforthe it shall be lawfull to euery person beynge the kinges subiecte, hauinge knowledge and experience of the nature of herbes rootes, and waters, or of the operacion of the same, by speculacion or practise within anye parte of the realme of Englande, or within anye other the kynges dominions, to practise, vse and minister in and to anye outwarde sore, vncom, wounde, apostemacions, outwarde swellinge or disease, any herbe or herbes, oyntmentes, bathes, pultes and emplasters, accordynge to theyr cunninge, experience, and knowledge in any of the diseases sores and maladies before saide, and all other like to the same, or drynkes of the stone and strangury or agues, without sute, veracion, trouble, penaltye, or losse of their goodes, the foresayde statute in the foresayd thyrde yere of the kinges moste gracious reigne, or anye other acte ordinaunce or statute to the contrarye hereof, heretofore made, in any wise not withstanding.

¶ An acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Seuerne. Cap. ix.

VWhere diuers persons, as well inhabitauntes fermers and dwellers nert vnto the streme of Seuerne, & vnto the cribes & pilles of the same from Kyngrode vpwarde towarde the citie and towne of Glouceſter, conueyeth and carieth graine & corne out of the realme of Englande, vnto the parties beyonde the sea, where graines are very dere, and now of late tyme haue made picardes and other great botes, with fore maſtes, of the burden of .xb. tunne & so to .cccvi. tun. And by reason therof, wheat, rye, beanes, Barley, malte, and other kinde of graines by stealthe are conueyed into the vtter parties beyonde the sea, so that therby the kinges maieſtie is not only dereyued of hys subsidye and custome for the same, but it causeth at suche tymes wheat graine and other kinde of corne, as is aforesayde, to be at highe prices. And by the same meanes thinhabitauntes with in the said citie or towne of Bristoll, are often and sundrye times destitute and scant may haue graine or corne to serue the kinges obedient subiectes there dwellynge and inhabitinge. And also by reason of hauing of the sayde greate boates and vessels oftentymes diuers shyppes, aswell of the parties beyonde the sea as other of englishe shippes, lyinge Kiningrode and Hungerode, beinge portes or hauens of the citie or towne of Bristoll, aforesayde, distaunt fyue myles or thereaboute from the sayd towne of Bristoll, awayting and tarieng ther the comming of the sayde great botes with corne and grayne downe Seuerne, who there dischargeth the graine & corne aboord the sayd shipps at Kingrode. By reason wherof the sayd shipps & other vessels, ther tarieng for the receipt of the sayde graine and corne, doe then cast out their balaſt of stones and other robull of balaſt of their sayd ships and vessels, into the sayde rodes and hauens of Hungrode and Kingrode, & there lodeth the sayde grayne or corne in the ships & vessels to the great distruction, & in continuance to the vtter vndoing of the sayd rodes and hauens. So that the Mouth & hole channell of the sayde hauen is so heaped and quarred with stones and robull of balaſtes of the shippes and botes there ariuinge, that great shippes, whyche

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bleth the course of marchandise to the saide towne of Bristoll from the parties beyond the sea, and fro ẏ saide towne laden with marchandise vnto the vtter parties, may scantly or safely come vnto the kinges saide portes and towne of Bristoll and the riuer of the same, and so from the sayde porte and towne of Bristoll vnto the saide Seuerne, without great daunger & peril. And by that meanes shippes of greate bourden are like to be distroied and vtterly caste awaye, and if redresse be not the soner had therin, it wil be to the vtter distruction of the hauen and porte of the saide towne of Bristoll, which saide towne of Bristoll is chiefly mainteined by course of marchandise. Wherfore it may please the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, to enacte make & ordeine, that after the last daye of Julye nexte comminge, no maister or maisters, owner or owners of ship or ships or any other bote or vessell, or any other persō or persons, doe cast or vnlode their balaste or robull at or in the saide rode called Kingrode or Hungrode nor in any of them ne in any other place from the rode of Kingrode vnto the towne of Bristoll, nor in no part of the hauen therof, but on the lande only aboue the full sea marke, vppon payne that euerye suche owner maister of ship or of other boate vessell, and of euery other person or persons, castynge and laynge their balast or robull in the streme, at the place or in the riuer aforesaide, to forfaite for euery time so offending. iiii. li. the one halfe therof to our soueraigne lorde the king, and the other halfe therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, as wel within courtes of recorde within cities and townes corporate, before the maire alder men shiriffes & bailiffes according to their corporacion, as elles where in any the kinges courtes of recorde, by bill plaint action of dette informacion or otherwise, in the which action the defendāt shall not wage his law neither yet no protection or ession to be allowed.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons from henceforth shal enbote or lade, or cause to be enboted or loden, any wheate malte beanes, or any other kind of graine corne, what so euer it shalbe, in any picard bote or other vessell, at the creke pylle banke or els where vpō the Seuerne streme, betwene the key of the citie of Glocester & the said citie or towne of Bristol by water of Seuern, to thintent to be transported into vtter parties beyond the sea out of the kinges dominiō before ẏ the said owner or lader of the said picard bote or other vessell, hath ben with the kinges customers of the said towne of Bristoll, & there by him self & one sufficient suretie with him, boundē vnto the kinges customers of the saide porte & towne of Bristoll aforesaid, in such reasonable summes of money to the vse of our said soueraine lord the king, as shal amount to ẏ double value of the saide grain or corne there to be laden or to be enboted, vpon cōdicīō that the said owner or maister of the said picard or bote or other vessel shall not repaire nor transport the saide corne or graine, nor no part therof into any vtter parties beyonde the sea out of the kinges dominion, before

the saide maister owner therof shall come and bring the said graine & corne vnto the key of the said towne of Bristol & there to be veiwed or sene ẏ cõtentes therof, and the contentes therof to be declared vnto the kings customers & to ẏ maire of the saide towne for the time being, if there be any such licence or lawfull cause for to conuey or transporte graine or corne into the parties beyonde the sea out of the sayd kinges dominion, there to be measured and mette by the cõmon measure of the saide towne. And after the said obligacion with condicion so made sealed and deliuered vnto the sayde customer: Then the said customer shal deliuer a sufficient cocket vnto the partie owner or owners, or maister so bounden to conuey the said graine or corn vnto the key of Bristoll, vpon payne that euery picarde bote or other vessell so laden with graine or other kind of corne, to be caried or transported into the vtter partes beyonde the sea out of the kinges dominion, to be forfayted as well the saide corne and graine so laded, as the said bote so laden contrary vnto this present acte wherof the king our soueraigne lorde to haue the thre partes therof, and the partie that will sue for the same the fourth parte before the kinges most honorable counsaile according to the kinges proclamacion in that behalfe made and prouided.

And further be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that if it shall appere vpon the measuring therof, vnto the maire of the saide towne of Bristoll & to the kinges customers then for the time being, that there is more corne or graine loded to be transported into the parties beyonde the sea, within any of the saide vessels botes pickardes or trowes, ouer and aboue foure quarters: that than it shalbe lefull vnto the saide maire and customers there for the time beinge, to cause the ower or conueier therof vnto the saide towne of Bristol, to make sale of suche corne and grayne, as shall be brought ouer and aboue the contentes of the saide cocket or licence, and ouer and aboue foure quarters besyde the cocket or licence, according as the prices of suche graine and corne are commonly worth and solde in the open market of the sayd towne of Bristol. The said common meater to haue for the measuring of euery way of corne. ii. d. on peine of euery perso, being owner of the saide graine or corne, or hauing the charge of the same, denipnge the measurynge of the sayde graine at the saide key of Bristol to lose and forfaite for euery tyme so denipng. v. li. the one halfe therof to be to our saide soueraigne lorde the kinge, & the other halfe therof to be to the partie ẏ will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of dette informacion or otherwise: In the whiche action the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor protection nor essoine allowed.

And be it also enacted by auctorite abouesaid, that no person or persons after the fyrst day of August next coming, do cast or vnlade out of any maner of ship, crayer, or any other vessell, beinge within any hauen rode channell or riuer, flowing or running to any port towne, or to any citie borough or towne within this realme, or any other the kinges dominions any maner of balast rubbish grauell or any other wracke, or fylth, but onely vppon

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the lande aboue the full sea marke, vppon peine that euery person and persons so offending this act to lose & forfaite for euery time so offending, fiue poundes, the one halfe to the king our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe therof, to suche person and persons, as will sue for the same, by bill plaint original writte or information in any the kinges courtes of recorde, in which action of suite no wager of law shalbe admitted, nor any essoine or protection allowed.

An act for the true makyng of cõuerlets in yorke. cap x.

WHere as the citie of yorke, beinge one of the auncient & greatest cities within this realme of Englande, afore thys time hath bene mainteined and vpholden by diuers and sundrye handy craftes there vsed, and moste principally by makynge & weuing of couerlets and coueringes for beddes, & thereby a greate number of the inhabitauntes & poore people of the said citie & suburbes therof & other places within the countie of yorke, haue ben daily set on worke in spinning, carding, dyeng, weuing, & otherwise cõcerning the making of them: to the great commoditie of the inhabitauntes and poore people of the saide citie, hauinge thereby honest liuinges and not made els where in any parte of the same countie. For the true substantial & perfect making wherof many good and beneficiall ordinaunces and orders haue ben deuised and made, as well for the good stuffe concerning the sayde couerletes and coueringes, as also for the length and breadth of thẽ and otherwise: of the which couerletes & coueringes the best sort should & ought by the same ordenances, to conteine in length iii. yardes, and in bredth two yardes and a quarter at the least. The seconde sorte to conteyne in lengthe iii yardes, and in bredth. ii. yardes. And the lowest or third sorte should conteine. ii. yardes and a halfe, in length, & in bredth one yarde and. iii. quarters vnder payne of forfaiture of the same, the one halfe and moitie of the sayde forfaiture to be to the maire and commonaltie of the said citie, and the other moitie to be to the wardens and company of the said handy crafte of couerlet makers. And for as much as the same couerlettes and coueringes, were well and substantially made and wrought, the kinges subiectes of diuers parties of this realme, and also straungers of other forreine realmes knowyng the goodnes of them, were very desirous to haue & by the sayde couerlettes and coueringes. And now of late diuers and sundry euill disposed persons apprentises not experte in the same occupacion, withdrawyng them selues out of the saide citie of yorke into the countie of yorke, & other places there aboutes, and also diuers other persons, inhabiting in villages and townes within the saide county, and nigh to the same, entermedlynge with the same crafte or occupacion, hauinge litle experience therin, not beyng bounde to the saide rules and ordenances, do dayly make couerlettes and coueringes, neither of good stuffe nor of good assise length or bredthe

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and for the vttera̅ce of the same, vse daily the craft and subtiltie of hawking abrode in the countrey, to villages and to mens houses, putting the same naughtye ware to sale secretly, not onely to the greate impoueringe of the inhabitauntes of the saide citie, & also to the great discete of the kinges true and faithfull subiectes, biyng the said couerlettes, to the greate defampnge and sclaunder of the sayd handy craft, but also to the impouerishyng of the inhabitauntes of the said citie, and vtter decay of the same, yf remedye the soner herein be not prouided. It may therfore please our soueraygn lord the king, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted, by the auctorite of the same, that no maner of person or persõs, dwelling and inhabiting within the said countie of Yorke, or nigh vnto the same, shal after the feast of sainct Michaell tharchangell nert commyng, make any couerlettes or coueringes, to be be put to sale, oneles such person or persons, after the saide feast, be inhabiting or dwellyng within the citie of yorke, or within the suburbes of the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery suche couerlet or couering, made wrought and put to sale, contrary to the tenour of thys estatute, or the value therof.

And be it further enacted, by the saide auctho̅rite, that no maner of person or persons, of the occupacion of handie craftes men of coueryngs or couerlet makers dwelling within the said citie of yorke, or the suburbes of the same or els where within the saide county, shall from and after the sayd feast, vse the saide crafte of haukynge, or go as haukers, or put to sale anye couerlettes in any other place or places, out of the sayde citie and libertyes therof, but only in the open markettes and fayres, vpon peyn of forfaiture of the same couerlettes, and coueringes or the value therof: the one halfe of the saide forfaitures, if it be in any citie, borough or towne corporate, to be to the maire and cominaltie, baylyffe, gouernour or other ruler, and comminaltie of euery such cyte borough or towne corporate, authorised to haue the same by graunt or prescription, or otherwise lawfully: & the other halfe therof to suche person or persons, as shall cease or sue for the same by byll playnt actyon informacion or otherwise in any courte of recorde, wherin no wager of lawe dylatorye plea or protection shall be allowed or admytted. And yf the said forfaiture happen to be taken or founde out of any the sayd cities townes or boroughes, hauing no such auctorite: than the one moitie of the sayd forfayture to be to our soueraigne lorde the king, hys heyres and successours: and the other moitie to such person and persons, as will sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes in fourme aforesayde.

And be it also enacted by the auctho̅rite aforesaide, that the wardeynes and serchers of the said occupacion and handy crafte of couerlettes and coueringes makers, within the sayde citie of yorke, for the time beynge, and theyr successours, shall after the saide feast of sainct Michaell haue full power and auctorite, by vertue of this act, to make serch in al fayres and markettes, fro Trent northwarde within this realme of England, for all such couer-

couerlettes and coueringes, as shalbe put to sale, not being well and sufficiently wrought, and made of sufficent stuffe, or not conteininge the assises before limitted and expressed, according to the tenour of this acte, and so seasle & take the same as forfaited. The one moitie and halfe of suche forfaiture yt any suche shalbe out of the sayd cities boroughes or townes corporate, to be to our soueraigne lorde the kinge, and the other moitye therof to the sayde serchers and wardens, that shall seasle and take the same: to be had and recouered in like maner and fourme, as is afore rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to euerye person and personnes, dwellynge within the countye of yorke, at their free will and pleasure at all tymes hereafter, to make couerlettes, of what assise, or of what so euer stuf they will for theyr owne vse or store of their houlholdes, or for their lordes, to whom they be tenauntes: So alwayes that the same couerletes so made shall not be put to sale. And also that when and as often as the sayd serchers or wardens of the occupacion of couerlet makers of the saide citie of Yorke shall make serche in any libertyes or franchises wythin the sayd countye, for anye the causes in the sayde acte mencioned: that then and so ofte they shall require the head officer of the same liberties and fraunchises, or hys deputie to be aydyng and assistinge, and also to go wyth them to make the sayde serche. And if the same officer or his deputye, vpon request so made refuse or will not so do, that then vpon suche deniall and refusel, the same serchers or wardeins, to make serche them selues: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that the lordes of the sayd liberties & fraunchises, where any suche serches shalbe made by auctoritie of thys acte, shall haue suche fines and forfaitures, as of right they ought to haue, by reason of anye suche serches, in as large and ample maner, as they ought haue had the same before the making of this acte, & as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for true making of frises and cottons in wales. Cap. xi.

For as much as the inhabytauntes clothmakers, that dwell wythin the townes & boroughes of Caermerthin shire, Cardigan shire & Pembroke shire, & haue vsed in times past to make their cloth, called welsh frise, and cotton called welshe cotton, to the greate profit of all the kynges subiectes of this realme, that is to saye, euery pece called a high fryse rawe, shoulde be made of .liiii. li. yarn, and should contein in length. xlvi. yardes, & in bredthe one yarde one quarter, and euery halfe pece highe frise, should wey. xxvii. li. and conteygne in in length. xxiii. yardes rawe, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter. And that euery pece cotton should wey, being raw. lxviii. li. of haberdepoyse, and conteine in length. xlviii. yardes, and in bredth. v. quarters i. nael, without any straining. And ỳ euery half pece cotton should wey. xxxiiii pounde, & conteine in lengthe .xxiiii. yardes, & in bredth. v. quarters & i. nael: which

Whyche true and good makinge of friſes and Cottons hathe ben of longe tyme decayed and extinguiſhed, and yet is, to the greate decay and ruine of all the ſayde townes and boroughes, and alſo to the greate ſclaunder and hinderaunce of all good clothiers, inhabytyng within the ſame, and alſo to the greate hurte and preiudyce of all the kinges ſubiectes, whyche dooe bye the ſame. And the principall grounde and occaſion therof is, that the Clothyers, Tuckers, weauers, and ſuch other, that were wont to inhabite within the ſayd Townes and boroughes, & ther to make the true Fryſes & Cottons, bothe in length and bredth, be now come foreners, huſbandmen and Graſiers, dwellyng in the countrey out of the ſayd townes of Caermerthin Cardigan, and Pembroke, and other boroughe townes aforeſayde: and there to make theyr owne wolle in Friſes and cottons, after the moſte falſe and deceitefull maner that maye be, and the ſame dooe carye frome place to place, to be ſolde, to the greate diſceyte and hynderaunce of all the kinges louyng ſubiectes, and to the greate ſclaunder of al true clothe makers wythin al the ſayde townes and boroughes. For remedy and reformacyon whereof: Be it enacted by the king our, ſoueraigne lorde, the lordes ſpyrytual & temporall, and the commons in thys preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorytie of the ſame: that after the firſte day of June nexte commyng, whyche ſhall be in yere of our lorde god .M. D. XL iiii. no maner of perſon within the ſayde three ſhires of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke, doe make any rawe friſes, called welſhe friſe, or anye cottons called welſhe cottons to be ſolde in anye fayre or market, or els where in anye other place, oncles euery pece of friſe, called a highe friſe rawe, be made of clene wolle, without flore or throme, weinge in yarne .liiii.li. of haberdepoyſe, at the leaſte, and conteynyng in lengthe.xlvi. yardes rawe, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter And that euerye halfe pece friſe highe ſhall wey.xxvii.li. and conteyne in length.xxiii. yardes and in bredth one yarde one quarter. And that euerye pece of cotton rawe. ſhal wey lxviii.li. of yarne at the leaſte, without flore or throme, and conteyne in lengthe.xlviii. yeardes, and in bredthe one yarde one quarter, and one naell. And that euerye halfe pece of cottone ſhall wey. xxiiii. li. of yarne, wythout flore or throme, and conteyne in lengthe xviii. yardes, and in bredthe .v. quarters and one naell vpon payne to forfayte euerye pece and halfe pece fryſe: and euerye pece cotton, and halfe pece cotton, ſo put to ſale contrarye to the true meanynge intente and purpoſe of thys preſente acte: the one halfe of whyche forfayture to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe to him and them, that wyll ſue for the ſame in anye of the kynges courtes wherin no eſſoin wager of lawe nor protection ſhalbe alowed.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte ſhall take effect after the feaſt of the purificacion of our Ladie nexte commyng, and not before.

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An act for pauing of certaine lanes and streetes in London and Westminster. Cap. xii.

For asmuch as the streete called white crosse streete, and the streete called Chelwell streete, leading from whitecrosse streete, vnto the high way leadynge to Horegate, the lane called Goldinge lane, and the streete called Grubstreete, in the parishe of sainct Gyles without Crepulgate: the streete called Golwell streete, in the parishe of sainct Botulphes wythout Aldersgate the lane called Longe lane, beinge in the parishe of sainete Botulphe without Aldersgate, and saynct Sepulchres wythout Newgate: the streete called saincte Johns streete, leadinge from the barres of Smithfielde vp to the pounde at the corner of the wal, extendinge alonge the high way, leadinge to Islington: And also the streete from the saide barres to Cowcrosse: The lane called Water lane in Fletestreete in the parish of sainct Bride and sainct Dunstane, leadinge doune the Thames: the way leadyng withoute Temple barres westwarde, by & vnto Clements Inne gates, & new Inne gates, to Drewry place in the countye of Midd. And also one lytle lane stretching from the sayde way, to the signe of the bell at Drewry lane ende and the common highe waye leadinge through a certayne place called pettye fraunce, from the barres of the weste ende of Tothyll streete of Westminster in the counsye of Midd. vnto the vttermost parte of the west ende of the sayde place, called pettye Fraunce: the streete or high way leading from bysshops gate, to and aboue Shordiche churche, & the bridge called Stronde bridge, and the way leading frō the same bridge towardes Temple barre: And the lane called fosbue lane, from the garden and tenement of the bysshop of Lichfielde, and the gardens and tenementes called the bell and proctours, doune to Stronde bridge, be very foule & full of pittes & sloughes very perylious and noyous, as well for all the kinges subiectes, throughe and by them repayrynge and passing, as well one horsebacke as on foote, as also wyth cariage, and very necessarye to be kept cleane, for the auoidynge of corrupte sauours and occasion of pestilence. For the amendment and reformacion wherof it maye please the kinges highnesse wythe the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in thys high courte of parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it maye be ordeyned, establysshed, and enacted, that all and euerye personne and persones bodies politicque and corporate, whiche nowe haue, or anye time hereafter shall haue anye landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple fee taile, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeshype of any heire during the nonage of the same heire, or by execution by writt of Elegit, or for anye estatute estaple, lyinge and beynge adioynynge to the forsayde streetes, lanes & wayes, or anye of them, shall on thys side the feast of sainct Myghel tharchangel, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god M. D. xliii. well and sufficientlye paue or cause to be paued, with good pauinge

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stones, all and euerye parte of the sayde streetes, lanes and other the premisses before expressed, euerye man suche parte and quantitie of the same lanes streetes and wayes, vnto the middes of them and euerye of them, in length & breadth, as hys or their landes or tenementes do lie or extend in like maner & forme, as the streates & lanes within the citie of Londō be paued, with causes or canels in middes of the same stretes, lanes, and wayes, as shalbe thought moste necessarie and conuenient, vpon payne euerye person in hys owne defaute, to forfayte for euery yard square of the same stretes, lanes, & wayes and euerye of them, not sufficiently paued, before the feast of sayncte Mighel. xii. pens: And that all and euerye suche persons hauinge or whyche hereafter shal haue landes or tenemētes in fee simple or fee tayle, or for terme of life or other wise as is aforesaide, adioyned or lienge to & nert ether syde of the same streetes, lanes and wayes, or any of them, their heires, assignes or successours, after and from the sayde feast of sayncte Mighel, shall yerely mainteine and repaire the same pauementes and euery of them, ouer agaynst his sayde landes and tenementes, wel and sufficiently from time to time, as often & when as nede shall require at al times hereafter wyth paunge stone vpon payne to forfayte for euerye yarde square, not sufficently paued. xii. d. as often as anye suche defaute of anye person shalbe presented before the Justices of peace within the sayde countie of Mid. for that parte of the sayde streetes, lanes, and wayes being within the said coūtie of Mid. And before the mayre, and the aldermen or Justices of the peace, within the cytye of London for that whiche is within the liberties of the sayde citie.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesaid, that the sayde Justices of peace, within the saide countie of Midd. for the time beynge, shall haue full power and auctho*r*itie to inquire in euery their quarter sessions, to be kepte after the sayde feaste of S. Mighel, by the othes of twelue men of the sayde countye, as well of them that haue not paued suche parte or porcion of the sayde streetes, lanes wayes and euery of them, being within the sayde coun: tie, ouer agaynst and alonge vnto the middes of the same streetes, lanes, and wayes, as their landes and tenementes do lye or extend, as also of such persons as haue bene remisse and negligent in amendinge and repayringe the same streetes, lanes and wayes, from time to time as nede shall require, according to the meaninge of this acte.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesaid, that the said Justices of peace, within the sayde countie of Midd. for the time beinge, within theyr iurisdiction, shall haue full power and auctho*r*ite by theyr discrecions to amerce and set fynes vpon suche persons, as shall be remisse, neglygente, or make defaute in the obseruynge of the tenour of thys acte. And yf the sayde Justices of peace wythin the sayde countie of Midd. or the mayre and aldermen, & Justyces of peace of the sayde cytye of London, at any their quarter sessyons after the sayde feaste of saincte Mighell, to be holden and kepte within the sayde countie of Midd. by the Justices of peace of the countye

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or the maire aldermen and Justices of peace of the saide citie of London: at any their quarters sessions, or enquestes of wardeney, kept within the said citie of Londō, be neglegent & remise of their parties, to charge by the othe of .xii. men such persons, to finde & present the saide defaultes & negligences of all persons offending contrary to the meaning of this acte: then the saide Justices of peace within the said countie of Mid. being present at the same quarter sessions, to lose and forfaite for euery tyme so neglectinge the same charge. C. s. And in likewise the mayre, aldermen and Justices of peace of London, to lose and forfayte for euery lyke defaulte and neglectynge. C. s.

And be it further enacted by the said auctoritie, that the clerke of ỳ peace of the sayd county of Mid. for the time being, shall from time to time, certifie into the kinges Escheker, as well al such fines and forfaitures, so assesed within the saide countie, lost and forfaited before the said iustices of Mydd. to the vse of the kinges highnes and his heires. And the barons of the saide Escheker to make out proces by distresse to be taken & leued vpon the said landes and tenementes, or otherwise by their discreacions, as well for the sayd fines assessed, as also for the saide forfaitures and penalties before ymitted. and if the clarke of the peace within the said county of Mydd. be remisse and negligent in making such certificat, or doing his dutie accordyng to thys act: then the same clerke to lose and forfayt for euery suche defaulte. v li. The one half therof to be to the vse of the kings highnes, and the other halfe to anye of the kinges subiectes, that will sue for the same in anye of the kinges courtes, by bill, action, informacion, or other wise, wherin no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shall lie for the same defendante.

& And further be it enacted by ỳ auctoritie aforesaid, that the maire aldermen and Justice of peace within the said citie of London & suburbes of the same, or .iiii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this acte, shal haue full power and auctoritie, from time to time, to set fines and amerciamentes of all and singular person and persons, for not pauinge and repayring of any of the said streetes, lanes, or high waies, within the said citis & liberties of the same, which now be paued, or herafter shalbe by force of this acte, paued: and the same fines & amerciamentes to be leuyed by dystresse plainte or action within the saide citie, by the chamberlaine of the saide citie for the time being, to the vse of the maire and cōminaltie of the said citie and their successours, as other fines and amerciamentes for any other matter or cause within the saide city haue ben vsed and accustomed.

Prouided alwaies, that if any the inhabitantes of such lādes or tenemētes do sufficiently repayre & paue before their mansions & dwelling places, the said streetes, lanes, and high waies, that then euery such inhabitant, by force of this acte, shall defalke, abate, & reteine in his handes as muche of ỳ rent due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue expended in and about the same pauinge and repairinge, and the lessour for so much money, as suche summe doth amount vnto, to haue no action reentre nor other remedye for none paiment of the same, onles it shalbe otherwise agreed betwene them.

An acte for knightes and burgeses to haue places in the parliament for the countie palantine and citie of Chester. Cap. xiii.

IN moste humble wyse shewen vnto your moste excellente maiestye, the inhabitantes of your graces countye Palantine of Chester, that where the sayd county Palantine of Chester is and hath bene alwayes hither to exempt, excluded, and seperated out and from your hyghe courte of parliament, to haue anye knyghtes and burgeses wythin the sayde courte: By reasonne whereof the sayde inhabytauntes haue hitherto susteyned manyfolde dyspleasons losses and damages, as well in theyr landes goodes and bodyes, as in the good cyuyle and polytyke gouernaunce and mayntenaunce of the common welthe of theyr sayde countrey. And for as muche as the sayde inhabytauntes haue alwayes hytherto bene bounde by the actes and statutes made and ordeyned by your sayde highenes, and your moste noble progenitours, and auctoritie of the sayd court, as farforth as other cõunties cities and boroughes haue ben, that haue had their knightes and burges within your said court of parliament, & yet haue had neither knyghte ne burgesse there for the said countie Palantine, the sayd inhabitauntes for lacke therof, haue ben oftentimes touched and greued with actes and statutes, made within the said courte, as well derogatiue vnto the most auncient iurisdictions liberties and priuileges of your said county Palantine, as prejudiciall vnto the common welth, quietnes, reste, and peace of your graces most bounden subiectes, inhabitinge within the same. For remedye wherof it maye please your sayde highnes that it be enacted, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from the ende of this present session, the sayde countie Palantine of Chester shall haue two knightes for the sayd countie Palantine, and lykewyse two citezens to be burgesses for the Citie of Chester, to be elect and chosen by processe, to bee awarded by the chauncellour of Englande, vnto the chamberleine of Chester, his lieuetenaunt or deputie for the time beynge. And so lyke proces to be made by the saide chamberlaine, his lieuetenaunte or deputie to the shireffe of the saide countie of Chester: And the same election to bee made vnder lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes construction and purposes, as is vsed within the countie Palantine of Lancaster, or any other county and citie within thys realme of Englande, whiche sayde knightes and burgesses, and euerye of them so elected and chosen, shall be retourned by the saide shyreffe into the chauncerie of Englande in due fourme, and vpon like paines as it is ordeined, that the shiriffe or shyriffes of anye other countie within this realme, shoulde make their retourne in case lyke. And whiche saide knightes and burgesses, and euery of them so elected and retourned, shalbe knightes & burgesses of the courte of parliament, and haue

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lyke voyce and auctoritie, to all intentes and purposes, as anye other the knightes and burgesses of the said court of parliament, haue, vse, & enioye. And in likewise shall and may take all and euery suche lyke liberties, aduantages, dignities, priuileges, wages, fees, & commodities, concerning this said court of parliament, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as any other the knightes and burgesses of the said court, shall may or ought to haue, take or enioye.

And also where it is, and hath bene vsed within the saide countye Palantine, that vpon the suggestion of anyperson, that is or hath bene endebted to any other person or persons, commynge to the Escheker within the saide countie Palantine, and there takinge a corporal othe, that he or they shall paye hys or theyr creditours at suche time as he or they shall be able therto the officers of the said Escheker haue vsed wythout warrante, to graunte out of the same Escheker a writ in nature of a protection, wherby the sayd creditours haue bene and be greately delayed, and in maner defrauded of their sayd debtes, to the great impouerishmente and vndoynge of the sayde creditours. For reformation wherof it may also please your saide highnes that it be enacted, by thauctoritie aforsaide that no suche wrytte of course, without a speciall warrant from your saide highnes, your heires or successours, conteinyng any suche protection, be from the fyrste daye of October, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god M.D.XLIII. graunted. But that all and euery suche wryttes of course, after the saide daye to be graunted, to be voide and of none effecte: any custome vse or priuilege, to the cōtrary hereof not withstandinge.

☞ An act for the certificat of conuictes to be made into the kinges benche. Cap. xiiii.

Vhere before this time diuers persōs haue bē indited, arained, and atteinted, & some of thē clerkes conuict, & some of thē clerkes atteinted, & some of thē outlawed for murder, burglarie, robbery, & other felonies, before iustices of the peace, Justices of gaole deliuery, & Justices of oyer & determiner, within diuers cities, coūties, fraunchises, & liberties within this realme. The recordes of which attenders, outlawry, & conuictions often & many times by negligēce of the clarke of the crowne, clerkes of peace, clerkes of assise and suche other, as haue had the order, rule, kepinge, and gouernaunce of the same recordes, haue ben imbecyled, and not redy to be obiected against suche persons, as haue bene newly arrained before our soueraigne lorde the kinge in hys benche, or before other the kynges Justices for like and other suche offences by them committed or done. And for that it hath not bene knowen certeinly, whyther to resorte for the same recordes, because they were not certified into any place certayne. By reason wherof sometime such persons and lyke offendours which haue ben

newly arrained, as is afore sayde, haue had the benefites of his or their clergie, where they ought not ne should haue had the same, if the saide recordes had then present in the same place, where suche person or persons were so newelie arraigned, or els certified, into some other place certayne, where the same recordes mought haue bene sene, sent for, or wrytten, for to haue bene obiected against suche person or persons so newelie arraigned. wherby as well the kynge our soueraigne lorde, as also all other persons, haue manye tymes loste their erchetes and other aduantages, and forfaytures, that they shoulde haue hadde by meanes of the sayde atteynders, to the greate losses, bothe of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, and other persons, and also the same offendours haue had their clergie, where they oughte not so to haue hadde, the greate boldenes and encoragynge of lyke offendours. In consyderacion wherof, be it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys parlyament assembled, and by authorite of the same, that the clarke of the Crowne, clerks of the peace, and clerkes of assise for the time beynge where anye suche atteinder, outlawrye, or conuiction shall be hadde, shall from the feaste of Pentecoste nexte comminge, not onely certifie a transcripte, briefly and in fewe woordes, conteyninge the tenoure and effecte of euery suche inditemente, outlawrie, or conuiction, and clerke atteinted, before them so to be had, made, or pronounced, that is to say, the name surname, and addicion of euerye suche personne and personnes as shall be so indited, and therupon outlawed, conuicted or clarke attainted, and the certaintie of the saide felonie or other offence, wherupon he or they shal be so outlawed, conuicted, or clerke attaynted, and the daye and place of his outlawrie, conuiction, and attaynder, and the daie and place, where and when the saide felonye or other offence, whereupon the saide personne or personnes shall bee so indicted, outlawed, conuicted, or clerke attaynted, shall be made and done, before the kinge our soueraigne lorde in hys benche at Westminster in the countie of Mydd. there to remayne of recorde for euer amonge other the kinges recordes there, within fortie dayes nexte after anye suche atteinder, conuiction, or outlawrie shall bee hadde, made or pronounced if the terme be than, and if not, than within twentye daies next after the beginninge of the terme nexte folowinge the sayde fourtie daies, but also shall deliuer a transcripte of euerye suche inditemente, where vpon the saide person and personnes shall fortune hereafter so to bee conuicted, or clerkes atteinted, to the ordinarye, to whome the bodie of the saide person or persons shall be committed, at the time that the saide person or persons shalbe so committed. The sayd ordenary payinge to euery suche clerke, as shall write the saide transcript, for euerye coppie of suche inditemente, twelue pence, for hys paynes, vpon payne, that euery clerke of the crowne, clerke of the peace, and clerke of assyse for the tyme beynge before whome suche indytemente, atteinder, outlawrye or conuiction shall be

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so had made pronounced or remaine for the non certifiyng of euery such recorde, and deliuerynge of the copy of suche inditementes to the saide ordynaries accordinge to this estatute, to lose and forfaite .xl.s. the one moite therof to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same by action of dette, bylll information or otherwyse in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, wherin no wager of law essoine or protectiō shalbe allowed. And the clerkes of the crown, in the kinges bench shall receiue the said certificates and transcriptes at such tyme as they shal be tendered & profered vnto them by the saide clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the peace, and clarkes of assise, or by their deputie or deputies, wyth out takinge any thinge for the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of the summe of.xl.s. for euery certificat by him refused.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by ỳ auctoritie afore saide ỳ if there be any more persons conteined and named in any such inditement other then such persons so atteinted, conuicted, or outlawed, that than such clerke of the crowne, clerke of assise, clerke of peace, with whom the recorde of suche anteinder, outlawrie, or conuiction shall remaine, shall wythin the time before in this acte limitted certifie the transcripte of suche inditement outlawrie or conuiction onely concerning such person or persons so indyted and atteinted outlawed or conuicted, into the kinges benche at Westmynster as is afore saide, whiche transcripte so certified shall be had and taken as good effectuall, and auailable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions and purposes against such person and persons, agaynste whom it shalbe so obiected, alledged, or pleded, as if the very recorde therof: wher vpon he or they were so indited, were there present.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that the saide clerke of the crowne in the kinges benche for the time beynge, shall at all such times as the Justices of gaole deliuery, Justices of peace, in euery countye within this realme of Englande do write vnto him for the names of suche persons, which be so attainted by outlawry, or clerkes attainted or conuicte and certified in the saide benche, of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynge: shall incontinently without delaye certifie the saide names and surnames of the said persons, with the causes why and wherfore they were conuicte or atteynted, vnto the Justices of gaole deliuery or Justices of peace, vpon the peine and penaltie to forfaite for euery name of suche persons, whyche shall be so written for, and not certified by the saide clerke of the crowne in the kinges benche to the saide Justices.xl s.

¶ Prouided alwaies & be it further enacted, that this acte nor any thinge therin conteined, shall not extende to the clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the peace, clerkes of gaole deliuery, neyther to any of the Prenotaries with in the counties of Wales and Chester, or within the cōties Palantines of Lancaster & Durelme, or any of them, to make any transcript of any suche atteinder, conuiction, or outlawrye of any person or personnes conuicted, atteynted, or outlawed, before the kynges Justyces of hys countyes of

wales nor Chester, or countie of Lancaster, Duresme, or any of them, but that the same recordes shall and maie remaine and be in the custodie and keppyng of the said clerkes and Prenotaries, in suche maner & wise as they are at this date. This acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstandinge,

An acte touchinge the deane and chapiter of Welles, to be one sole chapiter of it selfe. cap.xv.

Where before this time the chapiter vnto the sea & bishoprieke of Bathe & welles was the Deane and chapiter of the cathedrall churche of sainct Andrewe of welles in the countie of Somerset, & the late Prior and couent of the late Priorie or monasterie of the apostelles saincte Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the sayde countie of Somerset: by reason wherof all feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thing belonging or appertaning vnto the said see and bishoprieke, or wherof the bishop of the saide see of Bathe and welles for the time beynge, was seised in the right of the said Bishoprieke, or goyng out of the saide manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, belonging vnto the saide bishoprieke, whyche should be good or of effect in the law, to bynde his successours, in succession after the death of the saide bishop of the said bishoprieke for the time beynge graunt our lessour, or giuour of any of the premisses, as is aforesaide, ought to be made in writinge by the same bishop vnder hys seale: and to bee also by writing sealed, as well with the common seale of the priour and couente for the time beinge of the saide late Priorie or monasterie of Bathe, as also with the chapiter seale of the deane and chapiter of welles for the tyme beyng ratified confyrmed and assented vnto, whiche said priory or monasterie of Bathe diuers yeres now past, was & now is lawfully dissolued extincted and determined. And where as diuers and sundrye giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, and other thinges haue ben made in writing sithen the dissolucion of the sayde late priorie or monasterye of Bathe, of and in parcell of the premisses, or goinge out, or to be perceiued or taken of and in the same, by the now bishop of the saide see, and byshoprycke. which saide giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges and other thynges the saide Deane and chapiter of welles, hath sith the makinge therof ratyfied and confirmed vnder their common seale, in due fourme after the law. And yet not withstandinge there is and remaineth greatte doubte and question among diuers persons, whither the confirmacion or assent of the saide Deane or chapiter of welles, had and made by writinge vnder their chapiter seale, sithens the dissolucion of the saide late priorie or monasterye be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfecte and good the same giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, and other thinges heretofore made by the

the said now bishoppe, to binde him and his successours in succession or not: and also whether al giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, dedes actes, and other thinges hereafter lawfully to be made in writinge, by the saide nowe bishop, or anye his successours, and sealed wyth the seale of the bishop of the saide see, or byshoprycke for the time beynge, and confirmed ratified or assente vnto by the sayde Deane or Chapiter of Welles, vnder or with theyr chapiter seale, shalbe good and auayleable in the law, to binde the saide bishop of the saide see, or byshoprycke for the time beinge in succession, In consideracion wherof, and to the intent to auoyde all ambiguities doubtes and questions, that may growe, come, rise, or be in that behalfe: Be it enacted ordeyned and established, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that all giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writinges, dedes, and actes, made in writing by the sayde now bisshop of the sayde see or bishoprycke, vnder the seale of the same byshop, sithen the dissolucion of the saide late priorie, of monasterye or Bathe or at any time sithen the dissolucion of the same late monasterye, and also al giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, deedes, writinges and actes hereafter to be made in writinge by the byshop of Bathe and welles for the time beyng, of any manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, offices, fees, or any other thinge belonging to the said bisshoprycke, or goinge out of the same, or in any wise touchinge or concerninge the same byshoprycke or see, and the same sealed by the sayde bisshop for the time beynge, and whiche at any time sithen the dissolucion of the sayd late monasterie, haue bene, or at any time hereafter shalbe ratified, confirmed, & assented vnto by the Deane and chapiter of Welles for the time beinge, in writinge vnder the chappter seale, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, to binde in succession, the successours of the saide bisshop for the time beyng accordinge to the tenoure purporte, and effecte of the same giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases and other writinges dedes, and actes so made or hereafter to be made in writinge: anye lawe custome or vsage heretofore vsed or had to the contrary not withstanding.

And further be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that the Deane and chapiter of Welles aforesaide and their successour for the time beynge, shalbe from henceforth for euer accepted taken reputed and adiudged, to be the full, entier and sole chapiter of the bisshoprycke of Bathe and Welles, & belonging to the same bisshoprycke, in full name, nature, and auctheritye, power, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same bishoprycke.

Prouided alwaies, that this act, or any thinge therin conteined, doe not extende to binde any founder or giuour of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the sayde see and bishoprycke, or therunto belonginge, of for or concerninge all suche actions and suites, as they or anye of them may, should, or ought to haue, by reason of ani alienacion in fee simple

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or fee taile, hereafter to be made of any the manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the said sea and bishoprieke, or of any parte thereof.

¶ An act for shiriffes to be discharged vpon their accomptes and to haue allowances for theyr reasonable expences in the courte of escheker. cap. xvi.

IN moste humble wise beseechen the kings maiesty his true & faithfull subiectes, the cõmons in this present parliamẽt assembled, that where the shiriffes for the moste parte of the counties within this realme of Englande, stande and bee charged and chargeable towarde his highenes, by reason of their said offices of shirifwike, with diuers auncient fermes annexed vnto the corps of the same countyes, that is to say, with one ferme demaunded of the shiriffe of euery of the said coũties for the time being, in one whole sum vnder this title, De Vic. de rem. firm. com. post terr. dat. which ferme did, and yet partly doth grow and accrue, aswel of the issues & profits of such landes & tenementes, as from the conquest vnto the .xi. yere of the reigne of kinge Edwarde the firste, did remaine in the handes of the kinges moste noble progenitors, & some of them doe also yet remaine in the hãdes of the kinges maiestie, vnder the charge and custody of the shyreffes of the same counties for the time being, as parcell of the auncièt demeanes and inheritaunces of the crowne of England, not graunted nor giuẽ away as also rentes of assise, rentes called common fines, shiriffes aides, and of other rentes certeine, belonging to the same ferme. And thother ferme demaunded likewyse in anye other whole summe, Videlicet de vic. de firmo proficuo com. which ferme did and yet partly doth rise and growe of the perquisite and profittes of the courtes holden by the shiriffes at the countie daies, shiriffes turnes, & hundreds, & of diuers other casualties and profittes, yerely hapening & falling, within the hundreds and wapentakes of ỹ saide seuerall counties, parcel of the corps of the same counties of olde time annexed to the said crowne of England. And also stande & be charged and chargeable by reason of their saide offices, with diuers summes of money demaunded of thẽ seuerally for the fermes of diuers purpresture, assertes sergeantes, & minute rentes, and other fermes exacted & demaunded of the shiriffe vnder the title or name of the shiriffe, as in the rolles, & Memorand. of the kinges courte of hys Echeker more plainely it may appere: whyche fermes & other summes of money before rehersed, be not, nor of longe time haue ben wholy leuied or gathered by any of the saide shyreffes: but part of them haue ben yerely lost & not collected, partly because of the sayd shyriffes in times paste, haue forborne to aske or demaunde the same, or for to dystreigne therfore: so that it is now not certeinely knowen what landes or persõs should be charged or chargeable therwith. And partly bycause great part of the landes and tenementes, hundredes & wapentakes, out wherof

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parte of the rentes and profittes, belonginge to the sayde seuerall fermes, did issue and growe, haue ben geuen by the kinges highnes, or hys noble progenitours, to sundry persons, discharged of the same rentes and profits, and yet none allowance or deduction hath ben required nor made therof. And now of late diuers manours landes, tenementes, rentes, suites, seruites, hundred, wapentakes, lathes, and rapes which were also chargeable with certeine rentes, fermes and profittes, parcell of the saide fermes before rehersed, ben comen to the possession of the kinges maiestie, by ẏ gyfte graunted dissolucion surrendre or atteynder of diuers late monasteries or houses of religion, late surrẽdred dissolued, or otherwise comen to his maiesties handes: by occasion wherof the said rentes, fermes & profits, which did come and grow out of the same, ben now clerely extinguisshed and determined. By reason wherof the saide shiriffes haue heretefore susteined, & from hensforth ben like to susteine much more losse and damage in the said fermes, and charges before rehersed, vpon the determinacion of theyr accomptes in the kinges court of his Escheker, then they were wont to doe oneles some good remedie be the soner prouided for them in this behalfe.

It may therfore please the kinges most excellent highnes, that it be enacted, ordeyned and establyshed by hys maiestye, with the aduise and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that from henceforth all and euery person, whiche nowe is, or hereafter shall bee shiriffe or shiriffes of any countie or counties accomptable or aunswerable in the sayd Escheker, shal at his day of prefiction, immediatly after he is sworne to accompt of the issues and profittes of his office of shyrefwike, and euerye other person, whiche of late haue bene shiriffe or shyriffes of any of the sayde countyes, and haue no tayle of rewarde, nor haue not yet determined hys or theyr accompt, or otherwise be discharged or pardoned therof, shall in the same terme, that he taketh his othe to accompt, be sworne by hym self, or by hys attorney or deputie sworne for hym, whan he shall aunswere before the lorde tresourer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons of the saide Escheker, or in the absence of ẏ said lord treasourer, chãberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, than before suche of the saide lorde treasourer, chamberleynes chauncellour, and of the sayde barons, as then shall happen to bee present in the saide court, to bringe in and deliuer into the saide courte, rolles, or cedules of parchemente, conteining in them truely without omissyon or concelement, all such particular summes of money, whyche he hath leuied, or lawefully moughte haue leuied to his wyttinge or knowledge wythin hys bayliwike, as parte or parcell of the said auncient fermes, and the other fermes before rehersed, makinge expresse and distincte mension in the same rolles or cedules, as nie as he or they can or may, of what person, & in what landes & tenementes, & for what cause the same particular summes & euery of thẽ be leuied or leuiable toward ẏ making of ẏ same ferme or any of them. And ẏ after ẏ same rolles or cedules so deliuered, & the particular sũmes of

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money in them conteined, apperteining to their proper fermes, caste and rated before the saide lorde treasourer, chāberleines, chaūcellour and barons or before the saide barons, in the absence of the lorde treasourer, chamberlaynes, or chauncellour for the tyme beynge, or anye of them. The same lorde treasourer, chamberleines, chauncellour and the saide barons: or the saide barons, in the absence of the saide treasourer, chamberleins, or chauncellour, or of any of thē for the time beinge, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to make allowance, croneracion, and deductyon in the sayd open courte, from time to time by theyr discrecions, to euery suche person, in euery of the saide fermes, of so muche money as the sayde fermes shall be more than the sayde particulars, so appoyncyoned and conteyned in the saide rolles or cedules, do amount vnto. And for reuiuinge and recouerie of suche parcels, belonge to any of the saide fermes, or other the premysses, omitted out of the sayde rolles or cedules, and for sauinge of other the kinges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, answerable in the saide Eschekker, which be now wrongfullly withdrawen, and vniustly witholden from his possession: the lorde Treasourer chamberlaines, chauncellour and barons of the saide Eschekker, or the same barons, in the absence of ỳ said treasourer, chamberlaines and chaūcellour, or any of them, shall from tyme to time awarde suche proceesse, and vse such conuenient wayes and meanes by commission or otherwise, accordinge to the course of the saide Eschequer, and further as shall be deuised by their discreacion, so that the kynge, hys heyres and successours may be truly answered of the issues and profittes of the same, without other warrante to be pursued and obteyned for the premisses, or any parte therof: any estatute, acte, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore to the contrary had made or vsed in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And furthermore where diuers and sundrye summes of money bene respected to any persons, whiche haue bene, shiriffes of the saide counties before this time, vppon their accomptes, yelden in the kynges sayde courte of his Eschekker, of the foresayde fermes and other vicountyes, vppon diuers peticions in the saide courte, for so much as they, ne any of them could, nor might leuie the same by vertue of the summons of the saide Eschequer, for such causes as the same late shiriffes haue alleged in their sayde peticions, as by the same peticions more plainely doth appeare: be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery the saide late shiriffes, vppon their othes taken in the saide courtes, that the causes alledged in the same peticion be true, & the same causes examined in the same courte, accordyngly, be by vertue of this present acte clerely acquitted and discharged agaynste the kinges maiestie, and his heires and successours for euer, of all and euerie suche summe and summes of money, so not leuyed nor leuiable, put in respecte, as is before rehersed: And there vppon suche lyke proces to be awarded by the saide courte, and suche conueniente waies and meanes, by commission and otherwise, to be had, accordinge to the course of the sayde Eschequer, from tyme to tyme, as shall be aduised by the sayde lorde treasourer

ſourer, chamberleines, chauncellour, and barons: or in the abſente of the ſaide lorde Treaſourer, chamberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, by the ſaide barons, and by as many of the ſaide lorde Treaſourer, chamberleines and chauncellour, as then ſhall happen to be there preſent wythout either warrant or ſuite in that behalfe to be had. And for as muche as the ſhireffes of the ſaide counties for the time being, ſhall ſuſteine, and ſuppoꝛt diuers charges, by reaſon of their ſaide office of ſhirifwike, as in executing the kinges writtes and ſummons, and leuieng all ſummes of money conteined in the extreates within their counties, & in commynge to the Eſchequer, to make their profers and viewes of their accomptes, and make payment of all that ſhalbe due vpon euery of their viewes and accomptes, and other diuers coſtes and charges concerning the ſame office of ſhirefwike, without hauing from henſforth any tayle or tayles of reward, poꝛtage or other allowance towardes their ſayde charges.

And where alſo diuers of the ſaid ſhiriffes heretofoꝛe haue vſed at theyr owne coſte, to beare yerely the charges of the expentes of the kinges iuſtyces of aſſiſes, Niſi prius, generall and ſpeciall gaole deliueries, and oyer determiner, and of their clerkes of aſſiſes and ſeruauntes at the ſame ſeſſions at their comming two time in the yere, during ſuche time as the ſayde iuſtices remaine and ſerue the kinges highnes there, without hauinge heretofoꝛe any recompence or allowance for the ſame. And to the intent, that euerie of the ſaid ſhiriffes, for the time beinge, may and ſhall hereafter be moꝛe able diligētly to ſerue the kinge in his or their ſaide offices, without taking anye vnlawfull exactions of the kinges ſubiectes, and alſo better to make prouiſiō for the ſaid Juſtices, and their company in their circuites, hauinge ayde of the kinge towardes their ſaid charges and expences: The kynges highneſſe, of his liberalitie, in conſideracion of the ſame charges, ſo to bee ſuſteyned by the ſaide ſhiriffes, is contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by his highneſſe, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and commons in this preſent parliamēt aſſembled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the ſame, that euery of the ſaid ſhiriffes, comming to his accomptes in the ſaid Eſchequer, ſhe wynge a bil ſubſcribed with the handes of the ſaid Juſtyces or of ſuche of them as ſhall be preſēt at the ſaid aſſiſes and ſeſſions, making plaine mencion of the daies and time, that the ſaide Juſtices did abide or remaine in the ſame countie at the coſtes of the ſaide ſhiriffes, in or aboute the kinges ſaide affayres and buſineſſes, ſhall haue allowance aſwell hereof, as for other his ſaid reaſonable coſtes, vpon his or theyr accomptes in ỹ ſaid Eſcheker, by the diſcreacion of ỹ ſaid lorde treaſourer, chamberlaynes, chauncellours and barons, and in the abſence of the ſaide lorde treaſourer chāberleines, chaūcellour or anye of thē, by the ſaide barons, & by as many of the ſaid lord treaſourer, chāberleines & chancellour, as thē ſhall happen to be there preſent by auctoꝛitie of this preſent act, without other warrant, or anye further ſuite to be hadde or made in this behalfe: ſo that all the allow-

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aunces for the costes aboue saide, to al the shiriffes do not amount in anyon yere aboue the summe of.iii.C.xl. and two poundes .vi.s.& viii.pence: thys acte to continue and endure onely to thende of the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte for the new erected bisshops to pay their tenthes in the courte of fyrst fruites. Cap.xvii.

VWhere in the parliament begun and holden at London, the thirde day of Nouembre in the.xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord king Henry the eight, and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolucyon thereof: it was amonge other thinges established and enacted that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours for the augmẽtacion & maintenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie, of supreme head of the churche of England, should yerely haue, take enioy, and receiue, vnited and knit vnto his imperial crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pencion, amounting to the value of the tenth parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes tithes offeringes, emolumentes, and of all other profittes, aswell called spirituall as temporall, then apperteining or belonging, or that afterwarde from thens forth should belonge to any archbishopricke, bishopricke abbacie, monasterie, priory, archdeaconrie, deanrye, hospitall, college, house, collegiate, prebende, cathedrall church, collegiate church, cõuentual churche, personage, vicarage, chauntery, free chapell or other benefice or promocyon spirituall, of what name nature, or quallitie so euer they were, within anye dioces of this realme, or in wales, the saide pencion or annuall rente, to bee yerely payde, for euer, to our said soueraigne lorde, to his heires and successours kinges of this realme, at the feaste of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteined, more playnly is shewed and may appere. And where also at the parliament, begonne at Westminster, the. xxviii. day of Aprill, in the xxi. yere of our sayd soueraigne lorde the kinges most gracious raigne: and afterwarde contynued by diuers and sundry prorogacions, vntill the dissolucion therof, there was by auctoritie of the saide parliament, erected and establisshed a certayne courte, called the courte of firste fruites and tenthe. And it was further enacted by the auctoritie of the saide parliament, that the saide firste fruites & tenthes, & all the reuenues and profites therof, which than were or hereafter from henceforthe shoulde growe or be, by anye maner of meanes, should be from henceforthe in the order suruey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte of the firste fruites and tenthe, and ministers of the same, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteyned, playnely appereth. Sithen the makynge of whyche saide acte, our soueraigne lorde of his moste gracious & blessed disposicion, by hys moste gracious seuerall letters patentes, hath made erected, incorporate, and establysshed, wythin this his realme, diuers and sundrye bysshops and seas of bysshoppes, that

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is to saye, John nowe bysshop of Chester, John now bysshop of Glouceſter, John now bysshop of Peterborough, Paule now bysshop of Bristoll, & Robert now bisshop of Orenforde: and by the same his seuerall and sundry letters patentes, hath sunderlye and seuerally geuen & graũted vnto the said bysshops diuers and sundry manors, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes. In whiche said seuerall letters patentes there bene reserued vnto hys highnes, his heires and successours, certeine yerely rentes and pencions, amountinge to the tenth of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, so seuerally geuen to the saide seuerall bisshoppes, to be payde & paiable yerely in our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynges courte of augmentacions of the reuenue of his crowne, as in the saide seuerall letters patentes more plainely apereth. And for as muche as by the sayde former estatutes, the said bishops bene compellable euery one of them to pay the tenthes of his or theyr possessions, annexed to theyr seuerall bishoprickes, in our sayd soueraigne lord the kinges court of first fruites & tenthes, the said bysshops be & shal be double charged and chargeable, with the paimentes of the said rentes and pencions, reserued and to be paide, as is aboue saide, for that ỹ the paimentes therof in one of the saide courtes, is no discharge in the other contrary to the true intent & meaning of the kinges highnes, & to the great hurte & decay of the saide bisshops, and their successours, if spedy remedy be not therfore prouided. For reformacion wherof be it enacted and ordeyned by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all the yerely rentes tenthes & pencions, as is or be aboue rehersed, reserued in and by all and singuler the kinges highnes saide seuerall letters patentes, made of any manors landes tenementes personages appropriate, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, sithen the .xxviii. daie of Aprill, in the saide .xxvi. yere of the raygne of our saide soueraigne lorde, to any the saide seuerall bysshops, shall from the first day of Maye nexte comminge, be in the rule gouernaunce and suruey of the said court of first fruites and tenths. And that all suche and the same rentes pencions & tenthes, shalbe from the said first daie of Maye, payable and alwaies paid in the sayd court of first fruites and tenthes, and not els where, nor in any other court or place, any thing rehersed in the said seueral letters patentes, or in any of them, or any acte statute or lawe had made or bled to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by thautoritie aforesaid, that the said bysshops nor their successours, ne any of them, shall at ani time hereafter be impeched or sued in the said court of first fruites and tenths, of or for any tenth yerely rent or pencion, reserued in or by any e of the saide seuerall letters patentes which nowe is, or before the said first dai of May nexte comming shalbe due vnto the kinges highnes. And that all and singuler proces and suites nowe had & pursued, or hereafter on this side the said first day of May to be had or sued out of the saide courte of first fruites and tenth, againste any of the said bisshops newlie erected and made, as is aforesaid, of for o concerninge onely any yerely rente pencion or tenthes, reserued vppon or by any of the

saide letters pattentes, shall ceasse and be clerely voyde to all intentes and purposed.

An acte for Canturbury concerning the priuileges of the same. Cap. xviii.

WHere the citie of Canturbury is, & of auncient time hath be a citie incorporat, & endued with diuers and many ample priuileges & franchises, by diuers and sundry charters and graūtes heretofore made by the kinges noble progenitors as wel in ỳ time of the prince of famous memory king Hē rie the. vi. as in the time of other his noble progenitours: wherby the same citie ought to haue vse & enioy al the saide liberties priuileges and franchises, according to the tenour force purporte and effecte of al suche of the said charters & grauntes heretofore graunted & made vnto the maire & citizens of the said citie, as remaine & stand yet in full strength & force: yet diuers ambiguous questions & varietie in opiniōs of diuers persons learned in the lawes of ỳ realm, be of late risē & growen of the validitie purport & force of diuers articles cōteined in the saide charters & grauntes, bicause that some wordes cōprised in the same, seme to them obscure ābiguous & doubtfull where in dede the true intent & meaning therof, to the most part of men, learned in the lawes of the realme, doth right well appere to be plaine, by reason wherof not onely the good ciuile policie of the sayde citie is muche decaide, but also the welthy occupieng, the populous inhabyting, & the beautifull buildinge therof be like to come in great ruine depopulaciō & decay, not a litle to the extenuaciō of that part of this realme, as wel in ỳ eies of al strangers, as in the eies of such great personages as shal happē to haue repayre to the kinges maiestie in ambassade or otherwise. In cō sideraciō wherof be it enacted, by the kings highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall & tēporal, & the cōmons in this present parliament assēbled & by thauctoritie of the same, that the maire and aldermen, or the more part of them, of the said citie, & their successours, by such name or names as they be incorporate, shall haue vse and enioy al suche liberties franchises & priuileges, within the liberties precinct & iurisdiction of the said citie, which they or their predecessours maires & aldermen of the sayd citie, haue had to them graunted by the kinges highnes, or any of his noble progenitours, by hys or their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England, now remaining in ful strength & force according to the true purport and effect of the same letters patētes and grauntes heretofore had and made vnto the said maire and aldermen of the said citie, as is aforesaide, not withstanding they haue not ben of late time vsed nor put in execution accordingly.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person and persons, citizens & inhabitinge within the said citie or liberties, or the precinct therof to take a prentise or prentises, by indentu-

indentures interchangeable, sealed with the seales of suche parties, for the terme of .vii. yeres or lesse, as bothe the parties can agree, albeit such appren-tise or apprentises be within the age of .xxi yeres: and that the same indentures of apprentisehode, shall comprehende like couenauntes and be made written and enrolled, in like maner and fourme, as is cõmonly vsed in such cases within the citie of London: and the same indentures, cõprisinge such couenauntes, made written and inrolled as is aforesaide, shalbe from henceforth good and effectuall in the lawe, againste euery suche apprentise, to all intentes constructions and purposes: the minoritie of such apprentises, the statute made in the .vii. yere of the noble prince king Henry the fourth, concerning apprentises, or any other statute lawe custome or vsage, concerning taking of apprentises, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons beinge forreines, and not being free citizens of the saide citie of Canturbury shall not from henceforth, contrary to the libertie and grauntes, heretofore had and made vnto the maire and aldermen of the saide citie, bye or sel any maner of marchandise, to or with any maner of person or persons foreynes, and not beinge free citizens of the saide citie, nor kepe any open shoppe, nor vse any mistery or handie craft, within the same citie liberties and precincte therof, without the speciall licence of the saide mayre and aldermen, or the more part of them, in writinge vnder their seale, vpon peine to forfaite for euery suche offence, to the saide mayre and aldermen, to the vse of the sayd citie .vi.s.viii.d. of lawfull money of England. And that the mayre and aldermen of the same citie, & their successours for the time beinge, from time to time, shall haue power and auctoritie, to demaunde and aske, againste euery suche offendour, in the courte hall of the said citie, by action or playnt of dette, the saide forfaiture, or at their liberties shall take leuie and perceyue by distresse the sayde penalties or forfaitures, to the vse of the sayde citye by and according to the course of the common lawe.

¶ Prouided alwaies that this acte, nor any thinge therin conteyned, shall extende or be preiudiciall to the kinges maiestie, his heyres or successours, but that it shall be lawfull to our said soueraigne lorde his heires and successours from time to time, to seise or resume any of the saide franchises liberties or priuileges, heretofore graunted by any of his progenitours, and confirmed by this present acte, for any sufficient cause of forfaiture by the lawe of this realme: anye clause or article in this acte conteined to the contrarye not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to the palaice of the most reuerend father in god, Thomas nowe archebishop of Canturbury, or to the hamlette of Staplegate, or to the scite and precinct of the cathedrall and metropolitane church of Christe in Canturbury aforesaid: nor to any other place what so euer, immediately before the makinge of this acte, beinge out of the libertie of the sayde citie of Canturburie: Nor in anye wyse shall be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the

laide archbiſhop, or any of his ſucceſſours: or to the deane & chapiter of the ſaide cathedrall and metropolitane church of Chriſt in Canturbury or to any of their ſucceſſours, any thing in the ſame act not withſtanding.

Prouided alſo that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined, ſhall not in any wyſe extende to any boucher fiſhemonger or any other perſon what ſoeuer, inhabiting out of ỹ libertie of the ſaid citie of Cāturbury, for or concerning the ſelling or byyng of any maner of fleſhe fiſhe or other vitayle, in the ſame citie, or precinct of the ſame, or the ſuburbes of the ſame: but that all maner of vitaile maye for euer be freely bought and ſolde, in the ſayde citie precinct and ſuburbes of the ſame, as though this acte had neuer ben made, any thinge in the ſame to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandinge.

An acte for paymente of pencions and portions, graunted out of the late abbeys. Cap. xix.

VVher the archbiſhops biſhops archdeacōs and other eccleſiaſticall perſonnes, of both prouinces of Canturbury and yorke within this realme of England, haue heretofore in ỹ right of their churches had and receiued out of ỹ late monaſteries abbathies priories nūries colleges hoſpitals houſes of friers & other religious & eccleſiaſticall houſes & places now diſſolued, and out of the manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes belonging to the ſame, diuers pencions, portions, corrodyes indemnities, ſinodies priories and other profits. And where alſo in the parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter, the .xxviii. day of April, in the .xxi. yeare of the reigne of our ſouerayne lorde Henrye the eight, by the grace of god kinge of England Fraunce and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the church of England and alſo of Ireland the ſupreme hed, it was ordeined & enacted, by the auctorite of the ſame parliament, that as well the ſaide late monaſteries abbathies priories nunries colleges hoſpitals houſes of friers and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, with the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other profites, belonging vnto the ſame late monaſteries abbathies priories and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, as then were or that hereafter ſhoulde come vnto the kinges highnes handes, ſhould be veſted demed and adiudged in the actual and real poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the kings highnes, and his heires and ſucceſſours, Sauing to all and euery perſon and perſons, and bodies politike, and their heires and ſucceſſours, and the heires and ſucceſſours of all and euery of them (other then the late abbottes priours abbeſſes prioreſſes and other eccleſiaſticall gouernours and gouerneſſes of the ſaid late monaſteries abbathies priories nunries colleges hoſpitalles houſes of fryers, and other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, and theyr ſucceſſours, and the ſucceſſours of euery of them, and ſuch as pretend to be founders patrones or donours of ſuche monaſteries abbathies priories nunries

ries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, mesuages, landes, tenemētes, or other hereditamentes belonginge to the same, or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patron or donor, and the then abbottes, priours, abbesses prioresses & other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which then or hereafter shal happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfaited geuen vp, or commen to the kinges hig hnes, and such as pretend to be founders, patrons, or donours of suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospytalles, houses of friers and other ecclesiastical houses & places or of any manours mesuages, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the same belonginge, to anye of them their heires and successours, and the heyres & successours of euery of them, al such right, title, clayme, interest, possession rentes, charges, annuities, leasses, fermes, offices, fees, liueries, liuynges, porcions, pencions, corrodies, commons, synodies, priories, and other profittes, whiche they or any of them haue claime, ought, maye or might haue had of or to the premisses, or to any part or parcell therof, in such lyke maner fourme & condicion, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if the same act had neuer ben had ne made (rentes seruices, rentes seeke, & all other seruices & suites only except) as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therin conteined more plainely is shewed and maye appere.

And yet not withstandinge the said generall sauinge, conteined in the said acte, the saide archbishops, bishops, archdeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, of bothe the sayde prouinces, of Canturbury and yorke, be, and sithen the makinge of the saide acte haue bene disturbed and denied of the hauynge, receuinge, gatheringe of the saide pencions, porcions, corrodies, indemnities, synodes, and priories, with other profittes belonging vnto them by diuers of the fermours and occupiers of greate parte and parcell of the said manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes of the said late monasteries, and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or being parcell of the possessiōs of them, and haue no direct meane to obteine recouer or come to the same, not onely to their great hurt and domages, but also like to grow & be to the great losse & disherisō of the kinges maiestie concerning his first fruites & tenth. For reformacion wherof be it ordeined established, and enacted by the kinges highnes with thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same that if any persō or persons, being fermour or occupier of any manours, landes, tenemētes, personages, benefices or other hereditamētes, of anye of the saide late monasteries or ecclesiasticall houses or places, belonging to them or any of thē by the kinges highnes gift graunt sale exchaūge or otherwise, out of which premisses any suche porcions pencions corrodies indempnities synodies, or priories, or any other profittes, haue ben hereto-

fore lawfully goynge out, answered or paide to any of the archebishoppes bishops archedeacons and other ecclesiasticall, persons aboue sayde, doe at any time after the firste daye of Aprill nexte comminge, wilfully denie the payment therof, at the dayes of payment heretofore accustomed, of any of the said pencions, porcions, corrodies, indemnities, sinodies, proxies, or anye other profittes, wherof the said archebishops bishops archdeacōs or other ecclesiasticall persons were in possession, at or within ten yeres nexte before the time of the dissolucion of any suche monasteries, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, that then it shalbe lawefull for the same archebishops bishops archedeacōs or other ecclesiasticall persons aforesaid, being so denied to be satisfied and paied therof, and hauinge right to the same thinge in demaunde, to make suche proces, as well against euery suche person and persons, as shal so denie paiment of the same pencions porcions corrodies proxies indemnities sinodes, or any other profittes, which of right ought to be paied, as is aforesaide, as againste the churche or churches, charged with the same, as heretofore they haue lawfully done, and as by and accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme they may now lawfully do for the true paiment and recouery therof. And if the partie defendaunt be laufullie conuict in any such suite cause or matter, accordinge to the ecclesiastical lawes: than the partie plaintife shall haue & recouer against the partie defendant the thing in demaund, & the value therof in damages, with hys costes for his suite.

¶ And be it further ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if it fortune the cause or matter of variance betwene any of ẏ said parties bee determinable at the common law, that then the partie greued to sue for his recouery & remedie therin at the common law, And if the partie defendant fortune to be by the course of the common law lawfully condempned to the partie plaintife, than the said partie plaintif shal likewise haue and recouer againste the partie defendant the thinge in demaunde, and the value therof in domages, with his costes for his suite,

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all & singular such of the said archebishops bishops archedeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, which haue right or title to claime demaunde or enioye any of the saide pencion portions corrodies indēnities sinodies or proxies, againste any person or persons, to whom the kinge hath made or hereafter shall make in writing vnder seale, any sale gift graunt or lease for terme of life or liues or yeres, or any of the said manours landes tenementes personages benefices or hereditamentes, charged or chargeable to or with any of the saide pencions portions corrodies indēnities sinodies or proxies & also hath couenaunted graunted promised or agreed, or hereafter shall couenaunt graunt promise or agree, by the said writing, to acquite discharge or saue harmles the same person or persons of al pencions, porciōs, corrodies, indēnities sinodies & proxies, going out of the premisses or any parcell therof, as be or shalbe mēcioned in the same writinges or any of thē, shal sue for

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for their remedie & recouery therof in the court of the augmentacions of ꝑ reuenues of the kinges crowne, and not els where: And that the partie defendant hauing any such discharge, beyng conuented called or sued in any other courte or place, or before any other iudge, for any the causes abouesaid shalbe discharged & dismissed out of the same courte or place, without any thinge payinge for the same, by thonely shewing forth any of the sayde writinges sealed vnder any of the kinges seales, prouing or declaringe the king to haue couenaunted promised or agreed to acquite discharge or saue harmelesse the said partie defendant therof, as is aforesaid, Any thing conteined in this act to the contrary not withstandinge.

An act to embarre feined recoueries of landes, wherin the kinges maiestie is in reuercion. Cap. xx.

Where diuers of the kinges most noble progenitours and specially the kyng our soueraigne lorde, most liberally aboue all other, hath giuen & graunted, or otherwise prouided to his and their louing and good seruaūtes and subiectes, aswell nobles as other, manours, meases, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, & hereditamentes to them & to their heires males of their bodies, or to the heires of their bodies lawfully begotten, minding at the time of such giftes not only to preferre & aduaūce presētly the donees but also their heires in bloud of their bodies, according to the limittaciō of the said giftes: to thentente that recompence for the seruice of such donees should not only be a benefite for their owne persons, but continually a profite and cōmoditie to & for their heires cōming of their bodies, wherby such heires should haue in special memory and dayly remembraunce, the profite that they haue and take by the seruice of their ancestours done to the kynges of this realme, and therby be the better encoraged to doe like seruice to their soueraigne lorde, as to their duties of allegiaunce appertaineth. And for as muche as sundry such donees in taile, and their heires haue suffered and dayly suffer by their consentes, vntrue and feined recoueries to be had against them, with common voucher or otherwise, of manours, meases, lāndes, tenementes or hereditamentes, so giuen graunted or prouided in tayle by the kinges maiestie, or his noble progenitours, as is aforesayde, to the entente by fraude couin and vndue meanes not onely to vnde and defete theyr heires inheritable by the limitacion of suche giftes, but also the kinge of his prerogatiue, wardship, primer season, and other his rightes, wherby questions and diuersities of opinion haue risen and yet be: whether suche feined and vntrue recouries against such tenauntes in taile, by their owne consentes, of landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, wherof the reuercio or remaynder is in the kinge at the tyme of suche recouery or recoueries had, should after the death of the tenaunt in tayle binde the heires in tail or not. For the plaine declaration wherof, and to auoide & extinct from henceforth diuersities of opinions in such cases: be it ordeined and enacted by auctori-

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tie of this present parliament, that no such feined recouery, hereafter to be had by assente of parties againste suche tenaunte or tenauntes in tayle, of any landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, wherof the reuercion or remaynder at the time of such recouery had, shalbe in the kinge, shall binde or conclude the heires in taile, whether any condicion voucher be had in any such feined recouery or not, but that after the death of euery such tenant in tayle against whome any suche recouery shalbe had, the heires in taile may entre haue and enioy the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes so recouered accordinge to the fourme of the gift of entaile: the saide recouery or any other thing or thinges hereafter to be had done or suffered by or against any such tenant in tayle to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the heires of euery such tenaunt in taile, against whom any such feined recouery shall be had, shal take none aduantage for any recompence in value against the voucher, or his heires.

Prouided alway that this act nor any thing therin conteined, be in any wise preiudicial or hurtfull, to the lessee or lessees of any such tenaūt in taile made or to be made by writing indented, of any manours, landes, tenemētes or hereditamentes for terme of .xxi. yeares, three lyues, or vnder, wherevpon the accustomable rente and rentes or more, is or shalbe reserued, perely during the same terme and termes: but the same lessee and lessees, shall and may haue and enioy his or their terme and termes therin againste the heyre and heyres of euery such tenant in taile, accordinge to the tenour purporte and effect of the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the .viii. any thinge in this acte conteined to the contrary therof not withstanding.

An act for the confirmacion of letters pattentes not withstandinge misnaming of any thing conteined in the same.

Where the kinges moste excellent highnes, sithen the fourthe day of Februarij, in the .xxvii. yeare of his maiesties reygne, hath obteined and purchased, aswell by exchaunges, as by giftes, bargaines, fines, feoffementes, recoueries, dedes, enrolled & otherwise, of diuers & sundry persons, many sundry & diuers honors, castels, manors, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, rentes, reuercions, seruices & other hereditamentes, & hath not only paied diuers & sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath giuen and graunted for and in consideracion therof vnto diuers persons late owners therof, diuers and sundry manours, landes, tenementes and hereditaments, and other recompences, in and for full satisfaction of all such honours, castels, manours landes, tenementes, rētes reuercions, seruices & other his hereditamentes, by his highnes obteined purchased or had as is aboue saide, Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie of this

this present parliament that our soueraigne lorde the kinge, his heires and successors shall haue holde possede & enioy all & singuler the same honours, castels, manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, which hys highnes sith the said fourth day of Februarye, in the .xxvii. yere abouesaide. hath obteined and had, or at any time during the space of .vii. yeres nert insuing the making of this present act, shal obteine purchase or haue, by way of exchaunge bargaine purchase or other what so euer meane or meanes, according to the true meaning and intent of his highnes bargaine exchāge or purchas therin, misrecitall misnaming, or non recitall, or not naminge of any of the said honours, castels, manors, landes, tenemētes, & other hereditamentes or of the true names or certeinties of them or any of thē comprysed mencioned in the bargaines or writinges made betweene the kynges highnes or any other partie or parties, or of any parte or parcell therof, or of anye townes or counties, where the saide honours, castelles, manours landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, lie & bene, any other matter or cause what so euer it be, in any wise not withstanding: Sauing to all and euery person and persons, and to their heires bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours and to euery of them, other than such persons & persons and their heires, and their wiues, and the wiues of euery of them, bodyes politike and corporate, and their successours and euery of them, of whome the kinges highnes hath obteyned by exchaunge, gyfte, bargayne, fyne, feoffement, recouery dede entolled, or other wise, or at any time hereafter during the saide .vii. yeares nert comminge, shall obteine purchase or haue any suche honours, castels, manours landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes, as is aforesaid, al such right title vse interest possessions rētes charges, annuities, commodities, fee, and other profittes, rentes, seruices & rentes, seekes onely except, which they or any of thē haue might or ought to haue had, in or to the premisses so obteined & had or in or to any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: Thys present, act, or any thinge therin conteined to the contrary not withstāding.

And where also our said soueraigne lorde the king, sithen the said fourth daye of Februarye, in the saide .xxvii. yere of his maiesties reigne, as well vppon diuers and sundrye good consideracions, his maiestie speryally mouyng, as also otherwise, hath bargained solde exchaunged, giuen & graunted by his graces seuerall letters pattentes, indentures or other writinges sealed vnder his highnes great seale of Englande, the seale of his duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of office of the courte of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politike and corporate, as to diuers and sundry other of his louinge and obedient subiectes diuers and sundry honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathyes, priories, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, personages, appropryated aduouson, tithes oblacions, pencions, porcions, fraūchises, priuileges, liberties, offices and other hereditamentes, commodities & profittes, in fee

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ſimple, fee taile, for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, as in the ſame ſeuerall letters patentes, indentures, and other writinges is mencioned and declared. And where alſo the kinges maieſtie heretofore ſithen the ſaid fourth day of Februarie, by his ſeuerall letters patentes, ſealed vnder the ſaide greate ſeale of England or otherwiſe, of hys accuſtomable goodneſſe, hathe newely erected ordeined and made diuers biſhops, deanes, and chapiters, colleges and other bodies politike and corporate, and hath by his ſeuerall letters patentes ſealed vnder the ſaide great ſeale of Englande, gyuen and graunted alwel vnto them, as to diuers other bodies politike and corporate, and to their ſucceſſours, by ſuch name or names as they thē were be or now ſtande corporate, diuers manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tithes, pencions, portions, aduouſons, nominacions, preſentacyons, & other hereditamentes and ſuche or like liberties and iuriſdictions in the ſame manors, landes & tenementes, mencioned in anye of the ſame letters patentes, as he to whome anye ſuchē letters patentes were or be made or graunted, or his predeceſſours before had or enioyed in the manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes departed or appointed to the king, or ſuch as any the late abbotte or priour of any the late monaſteries or priories, or other perſon or perſons what ſo euer or any of them mencioned in any of ẏ ſaid letters patētes, lawfully had exerciſed vſed or enioyed within the ſayd caſtels, manors, landes, tenementes & hereditamentes, mencioned in anye of the ſaid letters, pattentes, in auoidyng diſturbing hurting or hynderyng of dyuers of the ſayde ſeuerall letters pattentes, indentures, and other writinges, of the ſaide manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thinges in them conteined, ſundry and many ambiguities, doubtes, and queſtions haue or might hereafter happē to be moued obiected alleged inuented, procured, or ſtirred, alwel for miſnaming, miſrecital, or non receytall of any of the ſame honours, caſtels, manours, monaſteries, abbathyes, priories, landes, tenementes, and other the premiſſes, or any parcell therof, or for lacke of finding of offices or inquiſicions of & in the premiſſes, where by the title of the kinges highnes therin ought to haue bene founde, before the makinge of the ſame letters pattentes, or other writinges, or for miſrecitall, or non recitall of leaſſes therof before made, as well of recorde as not of recorde, or for lacke of the certaintie, miſcaſting, rating, or ſettinge forthe of the yerely values & rates of the premiſſes or of the yerely rentes reſerued of & for the premiſſes, or any parcell therof, mencioned or conteined in anye the ſaide letters patentes or other writinges, or for that the premiſſes be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or leſſe value in the ſaid letters patētes or writinges, than ẏ ſaid manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premiſſes than were or ſhalbe in yerely value: or for miſnaming of the townes, hāmlettes pariſhes or cōtries, where the ſame honours, caſtels, manors, monaſteries, abbathies, priories, landes tenementes, rentes, hereditamentes and other ẏ premiſſes, & euery parcel therof, or any parcel therof, lien or bene: or for lacke of the true naming of the natures, kindes, ſortes or quantities of

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the said possessions or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof: or for lacke of the true naming of ỹ corporacion of the same: or for lacke of attornement liuery or season, or for misnaminge of any the late tenauntes or termors of the same so solde giuen or exchaũged, For remedy and reformacion whereof, be it ordeined and enacted by the kinges moste excellent highnes, wyth the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that as well all and euery the sayde letters pattentes indentures and other writinges & euery of them sealed, with or vnder the seale or seales aboue saide, or any of them, made or graunted by the kinges highnes sithen the said fourth daye of Febuary, in the said xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne, as also all and singuler his graces letters pattentes, indentures and other writinges hereafter during the space of. vii. yeres nexte ensuinge the makinge of thys present act, to be had made or graunted with or vnder any of the seales aboue saide, to any body politike or corporate, or to any other person or persons, of any honours, casteles manors, monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonryes, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or of other religious or ecclesiastycall houses or places sites, circuites, precinctes, landes, tenemẽtes, personages, tithes, pencions, porcions, aduousons, nominacions, presentacions, franchises, liberties, and other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions, and profits, of what kind nature or qualitie so euer they or any of them be, is or shalbe, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be, is or shall be named knowen or reputed, shall stand and be good effectuall & auailable in the law to al intentes, respectes, constructions and purposes against his maieste, his heries and successours, without any confirmation, licence dyspensacion or tolleracions of the kynges hyghnes hys heires or successours or of anye other person or persons what so euer, any the caules or matters aboue mencioned, or contcined or hereafter during the saide seuen yeres, to be conteined in anye suche letters pattentes indentures or other writinges to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler suche letters pattentes, whiche at any time heretofore, sythen the xxviii. day of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yeare of our saide soueraigne lordes raygne haue ben graunted or made, or hereafter shall be made by the kinges hyghnes to any person or persons, of any office of kepinge of any castell, blockehouse, parke, chase, forrest or keping of any manor or mãsion place, house or houses, with an annuall fee or other yerely profits for the exercisinge of the same, and after the sayde castell blockehouse, manour, mancion house or houses, parke, chase, forrest, happen to be fallen downe, disparked, dysforested or destroied, so that the cause of the exercisinge of suche office is determined: that then the letters pattentes of graunt of the same office & offices, with the fee & fees or other profites for the exercisinge of the same, shall be from thencefoyth clerely determined, & stand and remaine as voyde for euer: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ Prouided also that this acte or any thinge therin conteined, shall not in any wise extend to reuiue or make good any letters patentes of the graūt of any office or offices heretofore graunted or made by our said soueraigne lorde the king, which now is or be, or at any time heretofore haue bene adnihilated determined or made voyde by aucthoritie of parliamente, iudgement, decree, or otherwise, any thinge in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesade, that all and singuler suche patentes, grauntes and donees, as at anye tyme from henceforth duringe the saide seuen yeres nexte commynge, shall fortune to haue or obteine any castels, manors, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes of the gift, graunte, sale, or exchange of the kinges maiestie, or of the only gift of the kinges maiestie, of hys moste liberall disposicion and not solde, which at the daye of the date of the letters patentes therof made, shalbe of more or better yerely value to the kinge in yerely rent and ferme, then shal be conteined mencioned or specified in any such letters patentes and particulars therof made by the auditour or auditours, and in such bill or billes as shalbe assigned and sealed with the hand or hands of the patentee or patentees therof, to be exhibited to the kynges maiestie, or his officer or officers, wythin whose surueye the sayde manours, landes and tenementes, and other the premisses or any parte therof shalbe or within anye of them, which bill shall be signed, sealed had and made as is aforesayde, before anye bill shall be therof signed, by the kinges maiestie that than euery of the sayd patentees grauntes and donees, theyr heyres, executours or administratours, within one yere next after due proufe & decree therof made and had in the courte, within whose surueye the same castels, manors, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses or any parcell therof than shall be, shall contente and pay vnto the king for the same ouerplus and more value, for the same manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions and other hereditamentes to him solde or exchaunged, after suche rate as the other landes and tenemētes were before to him solde or exchaūged: and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes, as shall happen to be gyuen by the kynges maiestie, and not solde as is aboue saide, the said patentee, his heyres, executours or administratours shall content and pay to the kinge after the rate of .xx. yeres purchase: so that the same proufe and decree be had and made in fourme aboue saide, within ten yeres next after the day of the said letters patentes.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this act or any prouision clause or article therin conteined, shall not be vnderstand or interpreted to be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any the kinges letters patentes, indented or wrytinges heretofore made, concernynge anye bargaynes, couenauntes, sales, grauntes, exchaunges, or giftes of any castels, manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes in fee simple, or in fee tayle, sithen the fourthe daye of Februarie, in the .xxvii yere of hys maiesties reigne and before the xxviii. daye of

of Apryll, in the .xxviii. yere of his said highnes reigne, vnder any of the seales aboue specified in this acte: nor to any act or statute heretofore made for the corroboracion of any suche letters patentes indentures or writinges.

¶ An acte that fines in townes corporate shalbe made as the same in time heretofore haue ben. Cap. xxii.

Where in the parliamēt, holdē in the .xxvii. yere of our most drade soueraigne lorde king Henry the eight, It was enacted by auctorite of the saide parliament amonges other, ỹ no fine feoffemēt or other act or actes, herafter to be made suffered or done by the husbande only, of manours, lādes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, being the inheritaunce or the freholde of his wife, during the couerture betwene them: shall in anye wise be or make anye discontinuance therof, or be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the saide wife, or to hir heires, or to suche as shall haue righte title or interest to the same by the death of such wife or wiues: but the same wife & hir heires, and suche other to whome suche right shall appertaine, after her decease, shall and may then lawfully entre into all such manours, landes, tenemētes, and hereditamentes, accordyng to their rightes and titles therin, Any such fine feoffement or other act to the contrary not withstanding. Sithens the making of which acte diuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguities haue risen. That is to saie, whether the recoueries and dedes enrolled, which be in nature of fines, and wherupon women couert haue ben vsed to be examined, taken, had, or knowledged, alwel within ỹ citie of London as in many other cities boroughes & townes within ỹ realme of Englande should binde all such women couert, that should happen to be examined vpon the same recoueries and dedes enrolled. In auoydinge therfore all suche ambiguities & doubtes, Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente paliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all recoueries, dedes enrolled and releasses heretofore knowledged and taken, or at ani time hereafter to be taken and knowledged, before the maires, aldermen, recorders, chamberleines, or other head officer or officers, as well of the citie of Londō, as of ani other citie borough or town corporate within the realme of England, hauinge power and auctorite to take and receiue the same accordinge to the laudable vsages & customes of the saide cities boroughes, and townes and euerie of them, shall be, stande and remaine of lyke force strength and effect, to all intentes & purposes, as they or any of them were before the makinge of the said act, in the saide .xxii. yeare of our sayde soueraigne lorde: Anie thing in the same conteined to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

An act for the due execution of proclamacions. Cap. xviii.

WHer in the parliament holden at westminster ỳ. xxvii. day of Aprill, in the. xxxi yere of the kinges most gracious reign that now is, & there cõtinued till ỳ. xxviii day of June thẽ next ensuing, it was enacted among other thinges by the kinges maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in the said parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same parliamente, that the kynge, for the tyme beyng, with thaduise of his honorable coũsaile, whose names be mencioned in ỳ same acte, or with thaduise of ỳ more part of thẽ, might set forth at all times, by the auctoritie of the same acte, his proclamacions, under such penalties and paynes, and of such sort, as to his highnes and his saide honorable counsaile, or the more parte of them, shoulde seme necessarye and requisite: and that the same shuld be obeyed observed and kept, as though they were made by act of parliament, for the time in them limitted, onles the king dispence with them or any of them. vnder hys great seale. And it was then further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at any time from thensefoorth, did wilfully offende and breake, or obstynately not observe and kepe any suche proclamacion, or any article therin conteyned, whiche shoulde procede from the kinges maiestie by the aduise of hys counsayle, as is aforesaide: that then all and euery such offendour or offendours, being therof within one halfe yere next after their or his offence cõmitted, accused, and therof within. xviii. monethes next after the same convicted, by confession or lawfull witnes and proofes, before the archebishop of Canturbury metropolitane, the chauncellour of England, the lorde treasorer of Englande, the president of the kinges moste honourable counsayle, the lorde priuye seale, the great chamberlaine of England, the Lord Admirall, the Lord Ste ward or graunde maister, the lord Chamberlaine of the kinges most honourable household, two other bishops, being of the kings counsayle such as hys grace shoulde appointe for the same, the Secretary the Treasurer, and the comptroller of the kinges moste honourable household, the maister of the horses, the two cheif iudges, and the maister of the rolles for the time being, the chauncellour of thaugmentacions, the chauncellour of the Duchie, the cheif baron of the Eschequer, the two generall surueyours, the chauncellour of the eschequer, the vnder treasourer of the same, the Treasourer of the kinges chaumbre for the tyme beynge, in the sterre chaumber at Westminster, or els wher, or at the least before the halfe of the number afore rehersed. Of whiche number the lorde chauncellour, the lorde treasourer, the lorde president of the kynges most honorable counsayle, the lorde Priuie seale, the Chaumberlayne of Englande, the lorde admirall, the twoo cheyfe iudges for the tyme beynge, or twoo of tyem shall be two, shall lose and paye suche penalties, forfaitures or summes of money

money, to be leuied of his or their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kinges vse, and also suffre such imprisonment of his bodie, as should be expressed mencioned and declared, in anye suche proclamacion or proclamacions, whiche suche offendour or offendours shall offende and breake or not obserue and kepe, contrary to the saide acte, as is aforesaide, as by the same acte more at large it may and doth appere. Sithens the makynge of which sayd acte, the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his sayde counsayle and according to the tenour and purport of the same act, hath for the welth profite and commoditie of this his realme, caused diuers good and godlye proclamacions to be made, which diuers euill disposed persons haue wylfully and obstinately broken and not obserued or kepte, and therupon diuers and sundrye informacions haue bene geuen and had for the kynge against the same offendours, before the saide honourable counsaile mencioned in the said acte, according to the tenour and effect of the same act, and the same informacions, after issue ioyned, and witnesses publyshed, haue taken no effect ende or perfecte determinacion, within the time limitted by the same act, for and in default that there hath not bene present so many of the kinges saide moste honourable counsaile, as be limitted and appointed by the same acte, and so thereby offendours haue bene and be like hereafter to be vnpunished, to the great encorageing of all suche like offendours wherefore be it nowe enacted and ordeined, by the kinge our soueraygne lorde, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of ỳ same that all and euery iudgement, sentence, or decree, hereafter to be had taken made or geuen against any person or persons, in or vpon any informacion suite or plaint concerning any offence or offeces, done or cõmitted, or hereafter to be done or committed against the tenour purporte or effect of anye suche proclamacion or proclamacions heretofore set forthe had made and proclaimed or hereafter to be set forth had made and proclaimed according to the true intent and meaning of the saide former acte, shall or may be geuen had & made by the said counsaile or any numbre of them so there be thẽ present the full numbre of.ix. persons of the saide counsaile, whereof the lorde Chauncellour, the lorde Treasourer, the lorde Presidẽt of the kinges most honourable counsaile, the lord Priuy seale, the Chaumberlaine of England the lorde Admirall the two chiefe iudges for the time beinge, or two of thẽ at the least shalbe two. And that ỳ same iudgemẽt sentence or decree so had made or geuen, as is aforesaide, shall by the auctoritie aforesaide, be & stand good and auailable in the lawe, and of like force and effect in all and euery thinge and thinges conteined and mencioned in the saide former acte, to al intentes constructions & purposes, as if the same iudgement or decre were giuen or made by the numbre of the saide counsaile appointed by the sayde former act, any clause sentence article or matter in the same former act conteined to the contrary hereof not withstanding, this act to endure duringe the kinges maiesties life, which our lorde longe preserue.

An acte for the assurance of certeine landes to Jhon Hynde seriant at law and to his heires, paiyng therfore yerely .x.li. towardes the charges of the knightes of Cambridge shire for the time beinge. Cap. xxiiii.

Where certain persons, were infeoffed of and in ỳ manour of Burlewas, otherwise called the shire manour of ỳ cõtie of Cambridge, lying & beyng in Waddingley in ỳ sayde countie, and of and in two hundred acres of lãde, one hundred acres of medowe, one hundred acres of passure, with thappurtenaunces in Waddingley aforesaide in the saide countie, beinge in the hole of the yerely value of ten poundes, and so letten to ferme at this day, to the vse and intent, that ỳ profittes therof should yerely be receiued and taken for and towardes, the paiment of the fees & wages of the knightes of the same countie of Cambridge, being chosen for the parliament within the same cõtie, at such time & times, as it should please the kinges moste royal maiestie, his heires or successours, to cal his or their highe courte of parliament, wherby the said inhabitauntes within the said countie of Cambridge heretofore haue bene clerely discharged for and concerning the paimẽt of the knightes wages for the parliament. And for the sure and more perfect continuance therof, and that the yerely value of the same manour and other the premisses, may be from henceforth conuerted to the same vse and purpose, and also to ỳ intent that it may be perfectly knowen, what person hereafter shall be tenant of the premisses, and charged to answere and paye the said yerely ferme or rent of ten poundes yerely for ỳ same, and what persons shall likewise receiue the saide rent to the vses and intentes aforesaide: all the gentlemen of the said countie of Cambridge as wel for them selues as for the hole inhabitauntes of the same countie, most humbly desire the kings most excellent highnes, that it may be enacted by his moste roiall maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that John Hynde one of the kinges seriãtes at law & his heyres, shall from henceforth haue holde and enioy to him hys heires and assignes for euer, to the onely and proper vse of the sayde John Hynde, & hys heires, the said manour landes tenementes & all other ỳ premisses before rehersed, and euery parcel of the same, vnder the condicions folowing: that is to say, that the saide John Hynde his heires & assignes for euer, shall yelde and pay yerely for the same premisses, & at the feast of sainct Michael tharchangel ten poundes sterling, to such persons and their successours, as shal be by this present act incorporated and enhabled to receiue the same.

And also that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that Edward Northe knight, shireffe of the said shire, and Thomas Rudstone, esquier, knightes of the said shire of Cambridge for this present parliament shall be one bodie incorporate, and that they and their successours, knightes

tes of the said countie of Cambridge for the time beinge, and the shiriffe of the saide countie also for the time being, shal by this present act be encorporated by the name of wardyens of the fees and wages of the knightes of the shire of Cambridge, chosen for the parliament, and shall haue perpetuall succession for euer in the same, and shal implease and be impleaded by the saide name. which knightes of the shyre for the time beynge, and after the parliament dissolued as longe as they shalbe liuing, vntill other knightes of the saide shire shalbe chosen for the parliament nexte ensuynge, shall haue & perceiue the said yerely rent of.x.li. & conuert the same to their owne proper vses by equall porcions towardes ỳ maintenaũce of theyr charges. And when any one of the saide knightes of & for the saide shire chosen shall die that the survivour immediately from time to time shall haue and perceiue the said yerely rẽt of.x.li. to his owne sole & propre vse, vntill the time that newe knightes of the sayde shyre shall be elected for the parliamente who immediatly after their election shall haue and perceiue the sayd yerely rent of.x.li. And if both the said knightes of the saide shire, shall happen to die, than the shiriffe of the saide shire yerely for the time being, shall haue & perceiue the said yerely rent of.x.li. to his owne only vse, and so to continue vnto the time that other knightes of the sayd shyre, shall be chosen for the parliament than nexte folowing, as is aforesaid, and so to continue after the sayd rate for euer.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if it shall fortune the saide yerely rente of.x.li. or any parte therof to be behinde vnpaied, yf anye of the wardens aforesaide, or anye of their seruauntes or assygnes demaunde the same, in the name or names of any of the said wardens at any time after the saide daye of payment expired as is aforesaide. Than it shall be lawfull to and for the saide wardens to recouer the saide rent by action of debte at the common lawe, against the owners fermours tenauntes & occupiers of the same, or anye of them, or els at their pleasures to distreine for the saide yerely rente of.x.li. and the arrerages of the same, in the sayde manour & al other manours, meases, landes. tenementes & other heredytamentes whatsoeuer, of the said John Hinde, his heires and assignes in Maddingley aforesaide, which said manours, landes and tenementes shall be alwaies chargeable to the distresse of the said wardens for the time beyng, for none payment of the saide yerely rente, and the arrerages of the same. And that it shalbe lefull for them, the same distresses with them to retaine, vnto the time that the said yerely rent of.x.li. together with the arrerages and costes of the same, vnto the said wardens for the time being as their tourne shalll come to haue the profittes of the same, shall be well and truely contented and paied. And if it shall fortune the saide yerely rente of x.li. or anye parte therof to be vnpaied by the space of three monethes nexte after the daye of payment therof, as aforesaide: then it shall be lawfull to and for the sayde wardeins for the time beynge, their seruauntes and assignes or any of them, into the saide manour landes & tenemẽtes in Maddingley

dingly aforesaide, by what so euer name or names, the same be knowen or called, to entre, and the same and the profittes therof continually to retein to their owne sole proper vses, vnto the time that the said yerely rent, together withe the arrerages therof (if anye shall be) vnto the saide wardeines shall be well and truely contented and payde, by the sayde John Hynde his heires and assignes or one of them as is aforesaid: and so from time to time when any suche chaunce shall happen, without any veracion, suite, or trouble of the tenauntes, fermours, owners, or occupiers of the same, the saide wardens shall entre and haue & enioy the sayde manour of Burlewas landes & tenementes aforesaide, as is afore declared. Any thing in this present act conteined to contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that yf it shall happen that the said manours landes & tenementes or any part therof to come to the kinges handes, his heires and successours, by wardship, primer seasen, eschete or otherwyse, that notwithstanding the said rēt shal be yerely payd vnto the sayde wardens for the time being, to the vses and intentes aforesayd, and by the auctoritye of this present acte all receyuours bailiffes and other ministers to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours and euery of them, shall haue sufficient warrant to pay the said rente as is aforesaide, and to be allowed of the payment of the same by vertue of this present act, without any other warrāt from the kinges highnes to be made for the same.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that if herafter it shall happen, that the said manour of Burlewas, and the landes and tenementes aforesaide, with the appurtenaunces or any parte thereof to be recouered by faint pleader reddicion or other fraude or couin: than it shalbe lawfull to and for the sayd wardens and euery of them al times hereafter into the said manours landes and tenementes so recouered by couin, to reentre, and ẏ same to haue & enioy to thē and their successours for euer: any thinge in this present acte conteined to the contrary herof in any wise not withstanding. Sauinge to euery person & persons bodies politike and corporate, their heires & successours, and the heyres & successours of euery of them, other than the said persons and their heires, that now be and hereafter shalbe seised or in possession of the said manour of Burlewas landes and tenementes and other the premisses with thappurtenaūces, to thuses and intentes aforesaid, towardes the payment of the fees wages & other charges of the sayde knyghtes of the saide shire of Cambridge, & shyriffes of the said countie for the time being, as afore is rehearsed, al such title possession right interest action & condicion, as they or any of them hath in and to the same, or in or to any parte therof, as fully and holy as if thys present acte had neuer bene had or made: any thinge conteined in this present act to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in consideracion of the premisses, the countie of Cambridge, and the inhabitauntes of the same

same, shall hereafter for euer be discharged of all such summes of money, as heretofore haue bene accustomed to be leuyed and payed for the fees of the knightes of the parliament of the saide countie.

¶ An act that the inhabitantes of Poole may erect a windmil and a Conduite within the kinges maiesties wast graunde of Baiter. Cap. xxv.

IN most hũble wise shewen vnto your most excellent highnes, your poore dayly oratours and true and faithfull subiectes, the mayre burgesses & inhabitantes of your towne and porte of Poole, in your countie of Dorset, that where your said oratours and their predecessours, burgesses and inhabitantes of your said town & porte, alwaies heretofore time out of minde haue ben compelled and driuen of very necessitie, to cary and recary all maner their corne prouided for the sustentacion of their poore housholdes, vnto certaine milles being .iiii. miles distant at the least from your said towne and porte, to grinde, to the greate losse trouble & vnquietnes of your said oratours, For remedie wherof, and for the more ease quietnes and commoditie of your saide oratours, and the more and better safegarde of your sayde towne and porte: be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by your highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this your present high courte of parliament assẽbled: and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to your sayde oratours, and to their successours, at their libertie and pleasure: to erecte, make, frame and set vp, at in and vpon your wast grounde and common within the saide towne called Baiter, in a place there moste requisite and conuenient, at their proper costes and charges, one good and sufficiente windemill, to serue the saide towne and porte, and the burgesses, and inhabitantes of the same, and to take and haue one hundreth of foote of assise square of the said wast grounde for a conuenient hill to be made to set one windemill vpon. And also like libertie and licence to set one conduite head at a certaine place called Totnã, within the kinges wast grounde without the said towne of Poole, taking and hauinge .xvi fote of assise square of the same grounde, for the situacion of the same conduite head, for the conueying of fresh water, for the seruing of the same towne, and to haue also lyke free libertie to digge and draw in, by, through and vpon all places & waies therunto moste mete and conuenient, with free course and recourse, into & from the same at al times hereafter for euer: yeldinge and payinge therfore yerely vnto your highnes, your heires and successours, one peper corne yf it be asked, for all other exactions seruices and demandes, and your said oratours shall, according to their most bouden duties, continually pray to god for the prosperous preseruacion of your most noble and royal maiestie long in felicitie to reigne and endure.

FINIS.

HENRICI OCTAVI

AN ACTE FOR CERTAINE ORdynaunces in the Kynges maieſties dominion and principalitie of VVales.

OUr ſoueraigne lord ꝑ kinges maieſtie of his tender zele & affectiõ, that he beareth towardes his louing and obediẽt ſubiectes of his dominiõ principalitie & coũtrey of Wales, for good rule & order to be frõ henſforth kept & mainteined within the ſame, wherby his ſaid ſubiectes may grow & ariſe to more welth & proſperitie, hath deuiſed & made diuers ſundrye good and neceſſarie ordinaunces, whiche his maieſtie, of his moſte abundant goodnes, at the humble ſuite and peticion of his ſaide ſubiectes of Wales, is pleaſed and contented to be enacted by the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commõs in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, in maner & fourme, as hereafter enſueth.

FIrſt that his graces ſaid dominion principalitie and countrey of Wales, be from henceforthe deuided into .xii. ſhires, of the which .viii. haue ben ſhires of longe and auncient time, that is to ſaye: the ſhires of Glamorgan, Caermerthin, Pembroke, Cardigan, Flynt, Caernaruan, Angleſey, & Merrioneth. And foure of the ſaid twelue ſhires be newly made & ordeined to be ſhyres, by an act made at the parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the .xxvii. yere of our ſaid ſoueraigne lordes moſt noble reigne: that is to ſaie, the ſhires of Radnor, Bꝛeknok, Mountgomery, and Denbigh, ouer and beſides, the ſhire of Mommoth, and diuers other dominiõs, lordſhippes and manours, in the marches of wales, vnited and annered to the ſhyres of Salop, Herforde, and Glouceſtre, as by the ſayde late acte more plainely appereth.

ITem that the limitacions, of the hundꝛedes, of late made within ꝑ ſaid ſhires, by vertue of his graces commiſſions, dꝛected out of his high court of Chauncery, and againe returned into the ſame, ſhal ſtand in ful ſtrength force and effect according to the ſaid limitacion: Excepte ſuche of the ſame as ſith that time hath ben altered or chaunged, by vertue of any acte, or actes of parliament alredy made, or that ſhalbe altered or chaunged, by anye acte or actes, in this preſent ſeſſion to be made.

ITem that there ſhall be and remaine a Preſident and counſaile in the ſaide dominion and principalitie of wales, and the marches of the ſame, with al officers, clerkes, and incidentes to the ſame, in maner and fourme as hath bene heretofore vſed and accuſtomed. which preſident and counſaile ſhall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine be their wyſdomes and diſcreacions, ſuch cauſes and matters as be, or hereafter ſhalbe aſſigned to them by the kings maieſtie, as heretofore hath ben accuſtomed and vſed.

¶Item that there shalbe holden and kept, Sessions twise in euery yeare, in euerie of the saide shires, in the saide dominion and principalitie of wales: That is to saye, in ỳ shires of Glamorgan, Brecknok, Radnor, Caermerthin, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mountgomery, Denbighe, Flynt, Caernaruan, Merrionneth, and Anglesey, the which Sessions shalbe called the kynges great Sessions in wales.

¶Item that the iustice of Chestre, for the time being, shall holde and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in the shires of Denbighe, Flynt, & Mountgomery, and haue nothinge but his olde fee of an hundrede poundes yerely for the same.

¶Item that the iustice of Northewales shall in likewise holde, and kepe Sessions twise euery yere, in euery of the said shires of Caernaruan, Merionneth, and Anglesey, and shall haue yerely of the kinges maiestie a yerely fee of fiftie poundes for the same,

¶Item that one person, lerned in the lawes of this realme of England, by the kinges maiestie to be named and appoynted, shalbe iustice of the shyres of Radnor, Brecknok, and Glamorgan, and shall in likewise holde, and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shyres, & shall haue yerely, of the kinges maiestie fiftie poundes for his fee.

¶Item that one other person, learned in the lawes of this realm, to be appointed, as is aforesaide, shalbe iustice of the shires of Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Cardigan, and shall in likewise holde and kepe sessions twise in euery yeare, in euery of the same shires, and shall also haue yerely of the kinges maiestie fiftie poundes for his fee.

¶Item the saide persons or Justices, and euery of them nowe beynge or that hereafter shalbe, shall, haue seuerall letters pattentes & commissiones, for their offices, vnder the kinges great seale of Englande, to be exercised by them selues, or their sufficient deputies, accordinge to the purposes and intentes, in their ordinaunce specified.

¶Prouided alwaies, that their commissions, to them alreadie graunted, vnder the said great seale, shall stande in force and effect, accordinge to the tenour of the same: onlesse it shall please the kynges maiestie hereafter, to alter or chaunge them or any of them, this present article last before expressed in any wise not withstandinge.

¶Item that euery of the saide iustices, within the lymittes of their commissions and authorities, to them appoynted as is aforesayde shall holde all maner of pleas of the Crowne, at and in the said Sessions, in as large and ample maner, as the kinges cheife iustice of Englande, and other the kynges iustices of the kinges bench there, or any of them, may doe in their places or elles where within the realme of Engiande. And also to holde plees of assises, and all other plees and actions reall personall and myrte, in as large and ample maner, as the kinges chiefe Justice of the common place in Englande and other iustices of the same place or any of them, may doe in the realme of Englande.

Item

¶Item that euerye of the laide Justices of wales shall haue power and auctozitie to enquire of al treasons murthers, felonies, riottes, routes, vnlawfull assembles, extozcions, imbzaceries, maintenaunces, reteynours, concelementes, contemptes, and all other offences and euil dedes, of what natures, names, oz qualities so euer they be, done, cõmitted oz perpetrated within the limittes of their commissions & auctozities, against the fourme of the cõmon law of the realme of England, oz of any statutes of the same, and to here and determine the premisses, and euery of them, and generally to minister common iustice to all and singular the kinges subiectes, within ỳ limittes of their commissions and auctozities, accozding to the lawes statutes and customes of the realme of Englande, and accozdinge to thys present ozdinaunce.

¶Item that euery of the laide sessions shall be kepte and continued by the space of. vi. dayes, in euerye of the laide shires at eyther of the sayde tymes, as is and hath ben vsed within the said three shyres of Nozthewales. And that the laide Justices shall cause open proclamacions to be made in the shyre townes, what time & place they purpoze to kepe their said sessions. xv. daies at the leaste, befoze they kepe the same, to the intent the kynges subiectes may haue knowledge therof.

¶Item that dayes shalbe geuen in all pleas plaintes proces and adiournamentes from day to day, and sessions to sessions, by the discreacion of ỳ said Justices, within the limittes of their auctozities, foz the good and spedie ministracion of Justice, to all and singuler the kinges subiectes, as is oz hath ben vsed in Nozthwales.

¶Item that the oziginall seale, deuised by the kinges highnes foz iustyce to be ministred in the laide three shyres of Nozthwales, That is to say, the shyres of Merionneth, Caernaruan, and Angelsey, shall be and remaine in the charge kepinge & custodie of the chamberlaine of Nozthewales. And that one other oziginall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, foz ministracion of iustice to be vsed in the said shyres of Caermerthin, Pembroke, and Cardigan, shall be and remaine in the charge and keping of the Chamberleine of Southewales. And that likewise one other oziginall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, foz administracion of iustice to be vsed in the sayde three shyres of Bzeknok, Radnoz, and Glamozgan, shall be and remayne in the charge and custodie of the stewarde and chamberlaine of Bzeknok. And that also one other oziginall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, foz ministracion of iustice, to be ministred within the sayd shyres of Denbygh and Mountgomery, shalbe and remayne in the charge keping and custodie of the Stewarde & Chamberlaine of Denbigh. And that the oziginal seale, of Chester, shall be and stande foz the oziginall seale of Flynt, foz iustyce to bee ministred in the sayde shyre of Flynt: and shall be and remayne in the charge keping and custody of the Chamberleine of Chester.

¶Item that the laide Stewardes and Chamberlaines shall seale with ỳ sayd seales: that is to saye, euerye one of them shall seale wyth the seale, to

his charge committed, all maner of originall writtes and proces, returnable before the said Justices, at the sessions to be holden in euery of the sayde shyres, in maner and forme as is aforesaide: and shall seuerally accompte and aunswer the kinges maiestie, for the profittes of the same seale. And that none of the said stewardes, chamberlaynes or chauncellours, haynge the charge and kepinge of the sayde seales, shall by occasion therof, or by colour of any of theyr offices, compell or cause any person or persons, inhabyting within any of the sayd .xii. shires, to appere before them selues or theyr deputies. ne shal haue power or auctoritie, to here or determine any pleas of ỹ crowne, nor other causes or matters of iustice otherwise then in this ordinaunces is limitted and expressed. But shall haue the charge, and keping of the said seales, to seale all suche originall writtes and proces, as shall be returnable before the saide iustices, in their saide sessyons as is before specified, and as hereafter shall be declared, which writtes and proces shall be vsed made sealed, and returned, in maner and fourme, as hath bene vsed before iustices of Northwales

¶ Item that all suche persons, as now be. or hereafter shalbe the kinges highnes stewardes, chamberleines, or chauncellours, within anye of the saide .xii. shyres, which by reason of theyr said offices, haue charges for the reseept collection or accompt, of and for the kinges rentes, reuenues, fermes or profits to be due to his maiestie, within the said dominion of wales maie directe proces, vnder the saide seale, beynge in theyr charge and custodie, within the limittes of theyr auctorities onely against bailiffes, reues, fermours, and other ministers accomptāt, to appere before the selues to aunswer to and for anye the kinges reuenues fermes rentes or profits and for none other causes. nor agsinst any other person or persons, in lyke maner and fourme as they haue ben accustomed in that case to do.

¶ Item that all stewardes of any lordeships or manours in wales, shall and may kepe and holde such leetes, lawdaies, and court barons, as apperteineth & belongeth to the lordships and manours, wherof they be stewardes, and to holde pleas by plainte, vnder the summe of .xl.s. in euerye suche courtbaron, and haue and enioye all other auctorities, commodities and profittes as stewardes of leetes, lawdayes and court barons in Englande commonly haue, and ben vsed to haue, by reason of the sayd offices, & none other, any law vsage or custome, in the said dominion of wales, heretofore had to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ Item prouided alwaies & be it enacted, that the saide stewards, nor any of them. nor the shirieffes of the said counties in Wales, shall haue any power or auctoritie, to enquire of any maner felony, in any such leete, lawe day, or tourne, within the sayd dominion to be holden.

And that from henceforth no leete nor lawdaie be kepte by the stewarde or other officer, of any lordeshippe or manour in the said dominion of Wales: but in suche lordeshippes and places, where it was accustomed to be kepte,

before

before the makinge of the acte of parliament, concerninge wales, made in the.xxvi. yere of our saide soueraigne lordes reigne. So alwaies the place where suche court shalde kept, be mete & conuenient for that purpose.

¶ Item that all Mayres baliffes, and head officers of corporate townes in wales, may hold pleas, and determine actions, and do euery other thing concerninge common iustice, according to their lawfull grauntes and laudable customes of suche townes: so alwaies they folow the course trade & faction, of the lawes & customes, of the realme of England, and not of any welshe lawes or customes. And that in euery of the sayd townes they may trie all issues ioygned, or hereafter to be ioyned, in anye action personall, by tyre men, according as heretofore in diuers places of the saide countrey it hath bene vsed: Any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary not withstanding:

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that for as muche as there be diuers & many small boroughes & townes corporate within the saide dominion of Wales: wherof many haue theyr commẽcemẽt by grauntes, made from the lordes marchers, and some by other meanes: our said soueraigne lorde from henkforthe, by vertue of this acte shall haue full power and auctheritie, by the letters pattentes, to be enrolled in his graces high court of Chauncery, at any time within seuen yeares, hereafter nexte ensuing to the ende of this present parliament, to repel adnihilate, and dissolue such and as many of the said boroughes and townes corporate, and all liberties and customes of the same, as to his highnes shalbe thought expedient, to the intent his maiestie, at his graces pleasure, maye dewly erecte. ordeine and make, suche and as many other boroughes and townes corporate within the said dominion, beinge more apte and conuenient for that purpose, and endue them with such liberties and fraunchises as to his most excellent wisdome shalbe thought necessarie, for the welth of the said countrey.

¶ Item the kinges maiestie is pleased and contented, of his moste gracious goodnesse, that such as haue pattentes of any office of Stewardshyps chamberleinshippes, chauncellourshippes, or iusticeshyppes, wythin the saide dominion of Wales, for terme of their lyues, shal haue & enioye theyr certaine ordinarie and annuall fees of money, vsed and accustomed to bee payed and borne by the kinges highnes, by vertue of anye their letters patentes during their interest therin, but in no wise to take or clayme any casuall fees, claimed by coloure of their offices, contrarye to this presente ordinaunce: any custome in Wales, or any thinge in this act to the contrarye not withstandinge

¶ Item ouer and besides the saide originall seales, there shall be foure iudicial seales, deuised by the kinges maiestie, wherof one shal remayne with the iustice of Chester, whiche is appointed by thys acte, to be iustice of the shires of Flynt, Denbygh, and Mountgomery, to be vsed with the sayde shyres to seale all iudiciall proces and bylles, that shall be sued before the

ſaid iuſtice, in the ſeſſions, to be holdē within the ſame ſhyres. And that one other of the ſaid iudiciall ſeales, ſhall likewiſe remaine, and be in the charge and cuſtodie of the ſaide iuſtice of Northewales. And that the thirde of the ſaide ſeales ſhall be and remaine in the cuſtodie and charge, of the Juſtyce of the thre ſhyres of Glamorgan, Brekenok, and Radnor. And the fourth of the ſayde ſeales ſhall remayne in the charge and cuſtodie of the iuſtice of ỳ ſaid three ſhyres, of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan. And ỳ ſayd iuſtices ſhall ſeale with the ſayd iudiciall ſeales, that is to ſaie: euery of them with the ſeale committed to his charge and cuſtodie, as well all bylles, as all other iudiciall proces, that ſhall be ſued before them in the ſayde ſeſſions, vppon any originall bylles or writtes: and all other proceſſe, that ſhall be awarded from any of the ſayd iuſtices, ſhal be ſealed with the ſayd iudiciall ſeale.

¶ Item that euery of the ſaid iuſtices ſhall accompte and aunſwere to the kinges maieſtie for, the profittes of the ſaide ſeale, beynge in his charge and cuſtodie, in maner and fourme as hereafter ſhalbe declared.

¶ Item that the Teſte of euery byll and iudicial proces, that ſhall paſſe vnder the ſaide iudiciall ſeale, ſhalbe vnder the name of ſuche of the ſayde iuſtices, from whom ſuche bill or iudiciall proceſſe ſhall paſſe, in lyke manner and fourme as is vſed in the common place in Englande.

¶ Item that all actions reall and mixt, ateintes, conſpiracies. aſſiſes, and quare impedit, appeales of murther and felonie, and all actions grounded vpon any ſtatutes, ſhall be ſued by originall writtes, to be obteined and ſealed with the ſaid originall ſeale, returnable before the ſayd Juſtices at their ſeſſions, within the limites of their auctorities, in maner and fourme as is afore mentioned.

¶ Item that all maner of perſonall actions, as debte, detinue, treſpaſſe accompte, and ſuche like amountinge to the ſumme of fourtie ſhilinges, or aboue ſhall be ſued by writtes originall, to be obteigned and ſealed as is aforeſaide, or by billes, at the pleaſure of the partie ſuinge the ſame, before the ſaide iuſtices, within the limittes of theyr auctho̅rities, as is vſed in Northwales. And that all perſonall actions, vnder the ſumme of fourty ſhillinges, that is to ſaie dette, treſpas, detinue accompte, and ſuche lyke, ſhall and may be ſued, before any of the ſayde iuſtices in the ſaide ſeſſyons by byll as is vſed in Northewales. And that euery originall byll, concerninge actions perſonalles, ſhall be ſealed wyth the kynges iudiciall ſeale, beinge in the cuſtodie of the ſayde iuſtice, before whome ſuche perſonall actions by bylle ſhalbe brought, and commenced. And that ſuche fees ſhall be paide for the writinge and ſealinge of ſuche originall writtes and billes, as hereafter ſhall be expreſſed: that is to ſaye, for the ſealinge of euery original writte to be ſued in, and vppon the cauſes aforeſaide, and for euery bylle, to be purſued in action perſonall, wherof the dette, and domage amounteth to the ſumme of fourtie ſhillinges, or aboue, the partyes purſuynge the ſame, ſhall pay for the ſeale of euery ſuche writte or bylle, fyve pence,

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And for euery iudiciall proces to be sued vpon any suche originall writte, or bill, the parties pursuinge suche iudiciall proces, shall paye for the sealyng therof, seuen pence: wherof the kinges maiestie shall haue fyre pence, & the iustice, sealyng such iudiciall processe, shall haue one peny.

¶ Item that euery bill in personal action, wherof the det, dutie or domage amounteth not to fourtye shyllynges: and all maner iudiciall processe to be sued vpon the same shall also be sealed with the kinges saide iudiciall seale and the parties pursuinge the same, shall pay for the seale of euery such bill, and iudiciall proces, therupon to be sued, three pence, wherof the kynges maiestie to haue two pence, and the iustice sealinge suche processe to haue a penie.

¶ Item that all writtes of Scire facias, and writtes of good abearynge, or for the peace, or writtes of Supersedeas vppon the same, and all other processe to be sued from the saide iustices, vpon anye recorde or suggestion, admitted by any of the sayde Justices, wythin the limittes of theyr authorities, shall also be sealed wyth the sayde iudiciall seale. And that the parties pursuinge for the same, shall paye for the seale of euery suche writte and processe, seuen pence: wherof the kinges hyghnesse shal haue fyre pence and the Justice, by whome such processe shall be sealed, a peny.

And that euery exemplification, vppon any recorde, before any of the sayde Justices, shall be sealed with the kynges iudiciall seale: and the partyes pursuyng the same, shall pay for the seale therof twentie pence, wherof the kinges highnesse shall haue fyftene pence, and the iustices, sealing the same foure pence.

¶ Item that recoueries and fines, concordes and warrantes of attourney for the same, shall and maye be taken, before euery of the saide iustices, of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within hys auctoritie by force of hys generall commission, without any writ of Dedimus potestatem, to be sued for the same, in like maner and fourme as is vsed to be taken before the kinges chief iustice, of hys common place in Englande.

¶ Item that all fines, hereafter to be leuied before any of the sayde iustices with proclamacion made the same sessions, that the said fine shalbe engrossed, and in two other great sessions than nert to be holden within the same countrey, shalbe of the same force and strength to all purposes, as fynes leuied with proclamacions be of that be leuied before the iustices of the common place in Englande,

¶ Item that euery personne, sayng writtes of Entree in the Poste, or writtes of couenaunte, or anye other writtes, for anye recouerye to bee hadde, by assente of partyes, or otherwise, or for any fyne to bee leuyed, shall paye suche fynes to the kynges vse, for the same, aswell fynes Pro licentia Concordandi, as all other manner of fynes as is vsed in the kynges Chauncerie, or elles where in anye of the kynges courtes of

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Englande: whiche fines shall be paied to suche personnes, as shall seale the originall wrytte for that purpose: and that they shall accompte for the same in like fourme, as they shall do for the profittes of the sayde orygnall seale as is aforesayde.

Item that the kinges siluer, vppon euery fine to be leuied, shalbe payed, as is vsed in the common place of Englande, that is to saye, twoo shyllynges: whiche kinges siluer shall be payed to the iustice, afore whome suche fine shall be leuied. Wherof the kinges highnes shall haue twentie pence and the Prenotarie, entring the same, shall haue two pence, and the iustice, afore whome suche fine shalbe leuied, other two pence: and that the same iustice shall accompt for the kinges parte therof, lyke as he shal for the profittes of the kinges iudiciall seale, committed to hys charge, in maner and fourme aforesayde.

Item there shall be foure Prenotaries for the makinge of all iudiciall proces, and for the entringe of all pleas proces and matters of retorde, in the sessions to be holden before the saide iustices, wherof one of the sayde Prenotaries shal attende vppon the sayde Justice appointed for the three shyres of Northwales: and one other shall attende vpon the iustice, assygned for the three shyres of Flint, Denbigh, and Mountgomerye: and the thyrde shall attende vpon the iustyces assigned for the three shires of Caermerthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke. And the fourthe of the sayd Prenotaries shall atende vppon the iustice, assigned for the three shires of Glamorgan, Brekenok, and Radnor. And these foure Prenotaries, as often as their saide offices shall be voyde, shall be named and appointed by the kynges hyghnes, by his maiesties letters pattentes, vnder his great seale of England. And where one John Arnolde gentleman hath the office of Prenotrie, and clarkeship of the crowne by the kinges highnes letters pattentes, within the saide thre shires of Northwales: and that one John Brekenhed, hath the office of the Prenotarie, and clarkeship of the crowne by the kinges letters pattentes, within the said shyre of Flint. And that likewise one John Lennerde hath the office of the Prenotarie and clarkshyp of the crowne, by the kinges letters pattentes within the residue of the sayde dominion of Wales: the kinges maiestie is pleased and contented that the said thre prenotaries shall haue vse, and enioy, their said offyces accordynge to the effect of the saide letters pattentes to them therof made, doing their duities and attendaunce by them selues, or theyr sufficient deputyes at euery of the said sessions, to be kept within the shyres, wherunto they be so appointed.

Item there shall be a Marshall and a crier in euerye of the circuites and limittes allotted to the said Justices, whiche shalbe named by the sayd iustices, within the limittes of theyr auctoritie and commission, in like maner and fourme as iustices of assise do in England, And the sayde officers shall attende vpon the sayd iustices in theyr circuites, in their owne propre persons, and not by theyr deputies.

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And that the Marshall shall haue vpon euery iudgement, and euery fyne foure pence, & the crier a peny. And vpon the acquitalles of felons, and of them, that shalbe deliuered by proclamacion or deliuered oute of common mainprise, before any of the saide iustices, the Marshall shall haue foure pence, and the crier a peny.

¶Item that euery of the sayd prenotaries, within the limittes of their offices, shall take suche fees as hereafter shall be expressed, that is to saye, for the writing of pleas, and ingrossynge of writtes of entree in the post, writtes of right, Quod ei deforceat, or any other writtes, pursued by the assente of the parties, fiue shyllynges. And yf it be with a double boucher, then sixe shillinges and viii.d. and for the exemplificacion thereof.ii.s. and for the engrossing of fines, to haue for euery fine three shillynges, and foure pence: & if it be with proclamacions, then foure shillynges.

¶Item for euery bille of debte detinue Trespas and all other actions personalles, sued before the saide iustices in their circuites, vnder the summe of.xl.s. the Prenotaries shall haue, for the fyrst bill.iiiid. for the second bill iiii.d. and for the third bill foure pēce, and for the entre of euery declaracion plea in barre, replicacion, and reioynder, in and vpon euery such actions, so that he doe enrolle the same in parchement.iiii.d. and for euery Venire fac. tales, habeas corpora, & distringe in ỳ same actions.iiii. d. and for the iudgement.iiii.d. and for euery writ of execution, in euery suche action, sixe pence: and for euery warrante of atturney, in euerye suche action, as well for the plaintifes as for the defendantes foure pence.

¶Item in all actions of detinue trespas and all other actyons personall, wherin the dueties debt or domage, amounteth to the sūme of fourty shyllinges, or aboue, which shalbe sued by billes before the said iustices, the prenotary shall haue for the fyrst bill, foure pence, for the seconde bill.iiii.d. for the third foure pence: and for euery of the declaracion, the aunswere, replicacion, and reioynder, if they be enrolled in parchement eight pence: and for the venire fac: tales, habeas corpora, & distring, for euery of thē six pence, and for the iudgement eight pence: & for the warrant of atturney, foure pence: and for euery writte of execution vpon the iudgementes in such billes, sixe pence

¶Item in originall writtes, sued vppon euery action personall, returnable before the sayde iustices, the Prenotaries shall haue for euery Iterum sum. syxe pence: for euerye distresse in Trespas, syxe pence, and for the declaracion, eyght pence: for the aunswere, replicacion and reioynder, for euerye of them, if they be enrolled and engrossed, as is aforesayde, twelue pence. For the venire fac.tales, habeas corpora, & distring, for euery of them sixe pence: and the Prenotaries to haue for the entree of the iudgementes in euery suche action, twelue pence. And for euery writte of execution, sued vppon the same, syxe pence. For the exemplificacion of euery recorde in any of the said actions, twoo shyllynges, For euery warrant of atturney, foute pence. In all actions Reals and myxte, assises, Quare impedit,

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appeales of felonie, murther or maime, the Prenotarie to haue for the declaracion or plaint, two shillinges: and for the plee in barre, replecacion, retoynder, surreioynder, for euery of thē, if they be inrolled, as is aforesayde, twelue pens: & for the writinge of euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, & distring vpō the same, for euery of them sixpence, and for the entre of ỳ iudgement, in euerye of the sayde actions & appeales, two shillinges: And for the writing of the writtes of execution, made vpon euery of the said actiōs appeales and assises, twelue pence: And for writtes of graūd Cape & petye cape, and writtes of view, writtes vpon voucher, and all other writtes in euery such action or actions twelue pence: And for euery warrant of attorney, for the defendantes or for the demaundantes, or plaintyfes, in euerye such action real, assise, appele, & quare impedit, foure pence. and for the essoynes in euery such action, foure pence: and for the adiournament, two pence: and for the bayle of euerye person of felony, twelue pence: and for the bayle for Trespas, syxe pence: and for the apparaunce and baylynge of common maynpryse, two pence.

¶ Item for writing of writtes for the peace, and good abearynge, graunted by any of the said Justices in their sessiōs, syx pence: and for the entring of euery Recognisaunce to be had and taken before the sayde Justices, for euery cause or causes, other then before is expressed, twelue pence: and yf it be with condicion, then two shillinges. And vpon euery acquitall and deliueraūce of felons or murtherers by verdite or by allowance of pardon, the Prenotaries to haue two shillinges. And if it be vpon inditementes certified from the Justices of the peace, afore the Justices in the great sessyons: the clarke of the peace to haue also twelue pence. And vpon the deliuery of any suspect of felony or murther, by proclamacion, the sayde Prenotarye to haue twelue pence.

¶ Item that the kinges maiestie shall haue all fines, issues, amercementes and all forfaitures of Recognisaunces lost or forfaite before any of the said Justices, in the session aforesaide. And that the sayde Prenotaries, wythin the limittes of theyr offices, shal yerelye extrete the same into the Eschequer appointed for that limitte, to the intent that proces from thens maye be awarded to the shiriffes, to leuie the same to the kinges vse, as apperteineth which shiriffes shall yerely make theyr accomptes, before the kinges Judytours, therūto to be assigned and appointed.

¶ Item ouer and besides the saide presidēt and counsaile and Justyces, there shalbe Justices of peace and quorum, and also one custos rotulorū in euery of the sayd twelue shyres.

¶ Itē that the sayd Justices of peace, iustices of quorum, & custos rotulorū in the saide shyres, shalbe named and appointed by ỳ chancellor of England, by commission vnder the kinges great seale of Englande, by thaduise of the presidēt counsaile & iustices aforesaide, or three of thē of the whiche the sayd presidēt to be one, from time to time, as the case shall require.

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in anye of the saide shires, ouer and besides the president counsaile and Iustices aforesaid, and the kinges attourney and Solicitour, which president counsaile iustices, and the kinges atturney and Solicitour: shall be put in euery commission of peace, in euery of the saide twelue shires.

¶Item that such persons, as shalbe named to be iustices of peace, within euery of the saide shires, shall be of good name and fame: and after they be assigned by commission, maye vse and exercise the office of the Iustice of peace, al be it they may not dispende twenty pounde, nor be learned in the lawes of the landes, without any losse domage or penalties, for insufficiēcy of their landes. And that euery of the saide Iustices of peace, before they shall execute their commission, shal take their othes before the chauncellour of Englande, or els before the sayde president, or one of the sayde iustyces in Wales, by vertue of the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, or before any other person, to be limitted by the lorde chauncelour of Englande, for that purpose, the contentes of which othe, shall be after the fourme, as iustices of peace in England vse to make.

¶Item that the saide iustices of peace, or two of them at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shall and may kepe their sessions, within the limittes of their commissions, foure times in the yere, and at other times vpon vrgent causes, as iustices of peace in Englande vse to do, and shall haue like power and auctoritie in all thinges, and fees of the kinges maiestie for the time of their sitting, aswell for them selues, as for their clarkes: & shalbe bounde to vse and do their office, in like maner as is vsed in Englande.

¶Item that no iustices of peace, clarke of the peace, nor other clark of any iustice of peace in Wales, shall take for the writinge of any warrant of the peace, or good abbering, aboue sixe pens, and for entringe of pledges or borowes to pay the kinges fine vpon any inditement, nine pens. And yf it be with protestacion, then to take twelue pens: and for a Supersedeas, not aboue eight pens: and for a Recognisaunce twelue pens. And that all the sayde iustices of peace, shall certifie all Recognisaunces taken before any of them, for the peace or good abbering, into their Sessions, next to be holden after the taking therof. And Recognisaunce taken before any of them, for suspicious of anye maner of felonie, shalbe certified before the Iustices in the greate sessions, next to be holden after the takinge therof, without concelement deteigning or imbeselynge of the same, vpon suche penalties and daungers, as be therfore ordeined and established.

¶Item that all fines and amerciamētes, before the said iustices of peace lost and hereafter to be lost, shalbe tared and afferred by two iustices of the peace at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum. And that all suche fines and amerciamentes shalbe set truely and duely according to the quantitie of the offences, without parcialtie or affection.

¶Item that the saide fines and amerciamentes, and also all issues loste before the saide Iustices of peace, and all forfaitures of Recognisaunces, and other forfaitures before the same Iustices, shall be yearely extreted by

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the clerkes of the peace, into the escheker, appointed for that limit, to thintent that proces from thence may be awarded, for the leuynge of the same forfaitures and summes of money to the kinges vse, to the shiriffe of euery countie, as shall apperteine, who shall make thereof their accomptes, before suche Auditours, as there vnto shall be assigned, so that the kynges maiestie may therof be truely and duely aunswered and satisfied: whythe Auditours shall make due allowance to the same shireffes, for the fees of the Justices and clarkes of the peace, vppon theyr sayde accomptes, as is vsed in the realme of Englande.

¶Item that there shalbe shiriffes in euery of the said shires yerely appointed by the kynges maiestie. And that none of the saide shireffes shall haue theyr office of shiriffe wike, any longer time, than is vsed by the lawes and statutes of England. And for the yerely nominacion of the sayde shiriffes, the saide lorde president counsaile and Justices of Wales, or three of them at the least, wherof the said president to be one, shall yerely nominate three substanciall persons, in euery of the said twelue shires, to be shiriffes of the same, and shall certifie their names to the lordes of the kinges moste honorable cousaile, attendinge vpon his graces person, Crastino animarum, to the intent the kinges maiestie, being therof aduertised, may appoint one of thē in euery of the saide shires, to be shiriffe for that yere, at his moste gracyous will and pleasure, like as his highnes doth for his realme of England.

And therupon the said shiriffes shall haue their patents, and commissions vnder the great seale of England, as shyriffes of Englande haue, and shall make and take othes and knowlages of Recognisaunces, before the president and Justices, or one of them, by vertue of the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to be directed for the same, for the due execution of their offices, and for their iuste and true accomptes before the kynges Auditour or auditours assigned for Wales.

¶Item that euery of the saide shiriffes shall haue full power and authoritie, within the limitt of their shiriffe wike, to doe and vse their offices, as shiriffes in Englande, and shall accomplishe and execute, without any fauour drede or corrupcion, al maner of writtes, processe, iudgementes and executions, and all maner common Justice, appertainynge to their offices of shiriffes, and all lawfull cōmaundementes and preceptes, of the said president, counsayle and Justices of Wales, & also the Justices of the peace, Eschetours, and corroners, and euery of them, in all thinges appertainyng to their offices and auctorities.

¶Item that the sayd shiriffes shall doe and be bounde to doe all and euery other thinge and thinges for the ministracion of Justyce, and for the conseruacion of the kinges peace, and the apprehension and represse of traytours, murtherers, theues, felons, & other offendours, as the shireffes of England do vse, and be bounde to do within the realme of England.

¶Item that the said shiriffes shall yerely accompte before such the kinges auditour or auditours, as shalbe assigned and appoynted by the kynges maiestie

maiestie for his said dominiō of Wales. And that euery of the sayd shireffes shall haue yerely for hys fee, fiue pounde.

¶Item that all maires, shiriffes, stewardes, baylyffes and other ministers and officers of iustice, of euery countie, lordeship towne and place, within the saide dominion of Wales, and all and singuler the kinges subiectes of the same, shalbe alwaies obedient attendaunt and assisting to the saide president, counsaile and iustice of wales, and euery of them, and shall obey the kinges commaundementes and proces, from thē or any of them directed, and all the lawfull and reasonable preceptes of the said president counsayle and iustices and euery of them. And also shall be obedient to all the sayde Justices of peace shiriffes & eschetours, within the limittes of their said auc thorities, as well for common administracion and due execution of iustice, as in al other thinges appertaining to theyr duties and offices.

¶Itē that Eschetors shalbe named in euery of the said shyres, by the lorde Treasourer of Englande, by the aduise of the sayde president, counsaille: and iustices, or three of them at the least, wherof the saide president to be one: which Eschetours shall make and take their othes & knowledge the recog nisaunces before the saide president, or one of the saide iustices, by vertue of the kinges writ of Dedimus potestatem, to be directed for the same, for ẏ due execution of their offices, and for their true accompt, to be made before the kinges auditor or auditours, to be assigned for the same, which othe & recognisaunce shall be agreable to the othe & recognisaunce, vsed for the Eschetours in Englande. And the Eschetors shall haue yerely theyr pattentes and commissions, vnder the great seale of Englande, & shall haue power & auctorite to exercise their offices, in like maner & fourme as Eschetours in Englande, and shalbe bounde to all lawes and statutes of Englande.

¶Item that all such persons, as shalbe appointed to the saide offices shall and may exercise theyr offices if they may dispende yerely. v. li. of freholde, any statutes of England to to the contrary therof not withstanding. And that euery of the saide Eschetors shall make theyr accomptes yerely before suche auditour or auditours, as shall be assigned by the kinges maiestie, to here and determine his highnes accompt for his reuenues & profits of the said dominion of Wales.

¶Item there shall be two coroners, to be elected in euery of the sayde .xii. shyres as is vsed in England, by vertue of the kinges writte, De coronatore elegendo, to be awarded out of the kinges chauncery of England. And ẏ the said coroners shall haue like power & auctoritie, to do and exercise theyr offices, & haue lyke fees, as is limitted by the lawes & statutes of England.

¶Prouided alwaies, that the writte, De coronatorie elegendo, to chose the Coroners within the saide countie of Flint, shall be directed out of the Eschequer of Chester.

¶Item that the said iustices of ẏ peace, or two of them at the least, wher of one of them to be of the quorū, shall appoint and name in euery hundred, within ẏ limittes of theyr commissiō, two substantiall gentlemen or yomē

to be theife Cõstables of the hundred wherin they inhabite, which two cõstables of euery hundred, shall haue especial regarde to the conseruacion of the kinges peace: and shall and maye doe and vse their offices, in all and singular thinges, as is vsed by the highe constables of the hundredes of Englande: And shall be bounde to all thinges, as highe constables of the hundredes in Englande be bounde to doe.

¶Item that euery of the saide shiriffes shall haue a gayle for prisonners within some conuenient place of ỹ castelles of the shire town, where he is shirefe, or in such other conuenient place as by the saide president counsaile and iustices, or three of them, wherof the saide president to be one, shall bee appoynted: Any patent or graunt heretofore made to any person or persõs of the constableship, or keping of anye of the saide castels, in any wise not withstanding. And that the shireffe shall make the Bayliffes of the hundredes, and they to attende vpon the iustices in euery of theyr courtes and sessions.

¶Prouided alwaies, that the constables of the kinges castelles wythin euery of the saide shire townes of Wales, shall not be charged with the gailes, and of all the prisoners, that shall be committed to theyr warde, lyke as they haue heretofore ben, vnto such time conueniẽt places for that purpose be assigned to the said shireffe.

¶Item the saide shireffes shall keepe their counties monethly, and theyr hundred courtes, for pleas vnder fourtie shillinges, as is vsed in Englande, and shall take for the entrunge of plaintes, proces, pleas and iudgmentes, in the said shire courtes and hundredes, such smal fees as is vsed to be take in shires and hundredes in England and not aboue.

¶Item that all maner of trialles before them in their saide cõurtes, or before any stewardes in court barons, shalbe by wager of lawe, or verdict of vi. men. at the pleasure of the partie plaintife or defendaunt, that pleaded the plea. And that euery of the sayde shireffes shall keepe and holde theyr tournes yearely after Easter and Michaelmas, as they haue bene vsed in Englande.

¶Item the kinges highnes shall haue all maner of fines, issues, amerciamentes & forfaitures, loste or forfaited in anye of the saide counties hundredes, courtes, & tournes, to his owne vse, and the shireffe to accompt for the same accordingly.

¶Item that the extretes of the saide tournes, countyes, and hundredes, shalbe viewed, and the fines issues and amerciamentes, afferred by the said Iustices of assises of that circuite, before the leuienge of the same amerciamentes or other forfaitures. And that no shireffe, or anye of his officers, presume to gather or leuie anye suche amerciament, or other forfayture before the saide extrete be so afferred, vppon peyne to forfaite to the kynges vse fourtie shillinges. And that the shireffe vppon euerye iudgement hadde before hym in hys countye or hundrede courte, in auye playnte vnder fourtie shylynges, shall and maye awarde a Capias ad satisfaciendum,

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to arrest the partie condempned, or elles a Fieri fac. at lyberty of the partye pursuant.

¶Item that all bylles sued before the sayde iustices, in personall actions, wherof the debte, duetie, or domage is vnder fourtie shillinges, the shiriffe shall haue for the retourne of euery byll, two pence, And euery venire fac. Tales, habeas corpora, & distring, two pence. And for writtes of execution vpon the iudgement, in any suche byll. xii. pence.

¶Item in billes sued before the saide iustices, in actions personalles, aboue the summe of forty shyllinges, the shiriffe shall haue for the retourne of euerye suche byll foure pence, and the retourne of euery venire fac. habeas corpora, distring, Tales. iiii. pence, and for euery writ of execution, two shillinges. And in all personall actions, sued by originall wryttes returnable before ỳ said iustices, the shyreffe shal haue for euery iterum sũ. distring and alias distring foure pẽce, & for euery venire fac. habeas corpora distring & tales, syx pence. And for euery writ of execution to be executed vpon the iudgement, in suche actions, two shillinges, for the seruing of euery wrytte of Elegit, syx shyllinges and eyght pence. And in all reall actions or mixte, pursued before the sayde iustices by originall writte, for returne of euery originall, two shillinges. And for the returne of euery other writte and iudicial proces, dependinge vpon the same, before iudgement, two shyllynges. and for euery writ of execution, after iudgemẽt, vpon euery original, in actions reall or mixt, two shillinges. And for the seruinge of euery writte haberi fac seisinam, syx shyllynges eyght pence.

¶Item for attachementes vppon Capias, or other proces sued before the sayde iustices by originall or iudiciall writ, if he returne Cepi corpus, twoo shillinges, and a Reddit se, vppon an exigent of felony, in appele of murther or maime, or vpon any indictament of felonie or murther, two shillynges, and vpon a Reddit se, vppon an exigent of debte, trespas, detinue and all other actions personalles, twelue pence, and for the makinge of Repleg. twelue pence, & withernam vpon the same twelue pence. ¶ or euery returne of euery writte of appele or murther, or felony or mayme, twelue pence. and vpon all other proces growen vpon the same, as venire fac. Tales, habeas, corpora & distring, twelue pence. And euery actions takẽ before the shiriffes by iustices, for the summe therof foure pence: and for euery other processe therupon foure pence. And for euery prisoner deliuered by acquitall, or by proclamacion, for any maner of felony twelue pence.

¶Item that euery shyreffe, within the limittes of his auctorities, may and shall put such personnes vnder common mainprise, as they haue reasonable cause of suspect, accordinge to the saide acte made for wales, byndinge suche as they shall so putte to common mainprise with two sufficient suerties with them, by Recognisaunce, to appere before the sayde iustices, within the limittes of theyr auctorities, at the nert greate sessions to be holden nert after the takinge of suche bandes, and shall certifie the names of them that be bounde, before the saide Justices at the saide sessions accordinglye,

without concealment therof, at theyr pleasure.

¶ Item that euery person, that the shireffe taketh to common mainprise, to appere before the saide iustices, as is aforesaide, shall paye for his mainprise two pence, & not aboue. And ẏ said shireffe to put no man to cōmon mainprise, but such as be suspect, and as shall be returned by them before the said iustices at their sessions, as is aforesaid. And also the said shyreffe shall haue for the returne of a writ of false iudgment, out of a base courte, before the said Justices two shillinges. And that the sayd shireffe shall take no maner of fee, for the returne of any of the said writtes of execution afore expressed, onles he returne the same executed.

☞ Item that in all & euery suche writtes originall or iudiciall, or other proces pleas, or writinges: whiche be not expressed in this ordinaunce, the fees therof, as well for the seales as writing, shalbe rated by the saide president Counsaile & iustices, or three of them, wherof the said president to be one by theyr discreasions from time to time, as the case shal require: And that they shall haue full power and aucthoritie from time to time to assesse and appointe, what fee the said shirefes, Eschetours, and Coroners, & their ministers, Prenotaries & theyr clerkes, & other ministers of iustice in the sayde shyres, shall haue, take, and receiue of the kinges subiectes for anye maner wryttes, playntes, pleas, proces, returnes or any other matter or thynge concerning or belonging to the execution of theyr offices and rowmes & to augment or diminishe any fee or fees aboue declared as shall be thoughte by theyr discrecions, to be conuenient & meete for the common welth of the kinges subiectes of those parties of Wales, any thing conteined in this act to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Item that from hensforth no maner of personne or persons, for murther or felonie, shall be put to his fyne, but suffer accordinge to the lawes of the Realme of Englande. Except it please the kynges maiestie to pardon hym or them. And if the saide Justices see cause of pitie or other consideracyon, they maye reprie the prisoner, till they haue aduertised the kinges maiestie of the matter.

¶ Item that the acte made in the parliament, holden in the .xxvi. yere of the moste roiall reigne of the kinges maiestie, concerning among other thinges inquisicions and trialles of conterfetting, wasshing, clipping, and minishing of the kinges Coyne, murthers, felons, and accessaries to the same perpetrated or done within Wales, to be had, made, and determined in the next shyre, or countie within Englande adioyning, where the kinges writ runneth, and euery article therin conteined, shall stande in his full strength and force, accordinge to the tenoure and effecte of the same, Any thinge in this said ordinaunce, or any other acte, cause, or matter heretofore hadde or made, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And also bee it the same acte as yet was neuer put in execution, for any of the sayde offences heretofore done or commytted wythin anye of the sayde three Shyres of Northe Wales: That is to saye, the countyes

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of Angleſey, Caernaruan and Merioneth. Be it now declared and enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaide, that the ſaid acte, and euery article therin conteined, ſhal from henſforth take effecte and be executed in all pointes, for and concerninge any of the ſaide offences perpetrated and done, or that hereafter ſhalbe perpetrated and done, within the ſaide countie of Merionneth, to be enquired of, herd and determined, within the coũtie of Salop, in like maner and fourme, as commonly is and hath ben vſed for any of the ſame or like offences, cõmitted or done within any other coũtie or place of ſouth wales: any matter or cauſe hertofore riſen or growen to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Item that the towne or hamlet of Abertannad, and al the grounde and ſoyle within the ſame, which afore this time hath ben taken, reputed, and vſed as parcell of the ſaide countie of Merionneth, ſhall from the feaſte of Eaſter nert comminge, by vertue of this act, be vnited, annered, and made parcell of the ſaide countie of Salop: and ſo from thenſforth to be reputed taken and vſed for euer, and not to be of any other ſhyre or countie of Wales. And that the ſame towne or hamlet, and al the grounde and ſoyle within the ſame towne or hamlet, be from and after the ſayd feaſt accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundred of Oweſtrie: & that the inhabitauntes therof, from the ſaid feaſt, ſhalbe attendaunt and doe euery thinge and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the ſaide hundred of Oweſtre, as the ſame inhabitaũtes do or be bounde to do, any lawes or cuſtomes to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Item in caſe anye forrein plea or voucher, be hereafter pleaded or made before any of the ſaid Juſtices of Wales, betwene partie and partie, triable in any other ſhire within wales, thã where the ſame plea is pleaded or voucher made: that than the ſayde iuſtices, afore whome the ſame plea or voucher is or ſhalbe pleaded or made, ſhall and may ſend the kinges writ, with a tranſcript of ẏ recorde, mencioning the ſame forrein matter of ple or voucher vnder the ſeale to him cõmitted, vnto ẏ iuſtice of the countie, where the ſame matter is or ſhalbe triable, cõmaunding the ſaid iuſtices, by vertue of the ſaid writ to procede to the trial therof according to the kinges lawes & ſtatutes, which triall ſo before him had, he ſhall remaũde with the hole recorde vnto the iuſtice, before whom ẏ ſaid plea or voucher was pleaded, or made, who therunto ſhall procede to iudgement, as the caſe ſhall requyre.

¶ Item in caſe the ſame forrein plea voucher or other matter ſo pleaded, be triable within the realm of England: and than in euery ſuch caſe the iuſtice afore whome the ſame ple or voucher is or ſhalbe pleded had or made, ſhall & may proced to the trial therof, as ſhall apperteine, within the ſame ſhire of Wales, where the ſame olde voucher or matter was pleaded, the ſaid forren plea voucher, or any other thing or matter to ẏ cõtrary not wythſtandinge.

¶ Itẽ ẏ no maner of perſon or perſons frõ henſforth, without lawful auctoritie, ſhall make any rumours, tumultes, vnlawful aſſemblies, or outcries at any of the ſaid courtes or ſeſſiõs, nor any outcries, or vnlawfull aſſẽbles

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in greate numbers, at any other time or times, except it be for the apprehension or pursuinge of murthers or felons, vppon paine of imprisonment and greuous fine to be tared and set vpon them by the said president and counsaile, or by the iustices or other officer, before whome suche misbehauiour shall hapen to be committed.

¶Item that all manours, landes, tenementes, messuages and other hereditamentes, and all rightes and titles to the same, in any of the said shyres of Wales descende to any maner person or persons, sith the feast of the natiuitie of saint John Baptist, in the .xxviii. yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes reigne, or that hereafter shall descende, be taken, enioyed, vsed & holden as Englishe tenure to all intentes, according to the common lawes of this realme of England, & not to be partable amonge heires males, after the custome of Gauelkinde, as heretofore in diuers partes of Wales hath ben vsed and accustomed. And that the same law, from and after the sayde feast of .s. John Baptist, in the sayde .xxviii. yere, be vsed, taken & exercised in the sayd countie of Mommouth, and in all such lordshippes and other places, as by vertue of the said act, made in the sayd xxvii. yere, or by any other act or actes, made or to be made, were and shalbe annexed, vnited, or knitte, to any of the shyres of Salop, Hereford, Glouc. or other shyres: any lawes vsages or customes heretofore hadde or vsed to the contrary thereof not withstandinge.

¶Item that no mortegages of landes, tenemētes, or hereditamētes, made or had after ẏ saide feast of .s. John Baptist, whiche was in the saide .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lorde, or that hereafter shalbe had or made, within any of the saide shyres or places, shall be hereafter alowed or admitted, otherwise than after the course of the common lawe and statutes of the realme of England: any vsage or custome heretofore had to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶Item that it shal be leful to al persōs, to alien, sell, or otherwise put away their landes tenementes & hereditamentes within the sayd countrey or dominion of Wales, the county of Mommoth, & other places annexed to any of the shires of England, from them & theyr heires, to any person or persons in fee simple or fee taile, for terme of life or for terme of yeres, after the maner, and according as is vsed by the lawes of the realme of Englande: any welshe lawe or custome, heretofore vsed in the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, to ẏ cōtrary therof not withstanding. This article to take effect from and after the said feast of the natiuitie of saincte John Bapist, which was in the sayd .xxviii. yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes reigne.

Item if anye person or personnes, hauinge landes or tenementes wythin the sayde dominion of wales, bene or hereafter shall be bounden wythin ẏ realme of England by obligacion, vpon the statute of the staple, or by recognisaunce, and paye not the dette as shal appertayne: that then vppon certificate therof made into the kinges Chauncerie of Englande, by the Clarke of the staple, or by any Justice of recorde, before whome such recognisance

saunce shalbe knowledged, proces shalbe made to the shirefes of wales, out of the chauncerye of Englande, after the forme as is vsed to be made vpon statutes and recognisaunces, by the course of the lawes of England, for the due leuieng and paying of the saide det.

¶ Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde that for such recognisances, as be or hereafter shalbe taken and knowledged before the kinges Justices of his highnesse benche or common place of England, proces shall be had and pursued immediatly out from the sayde Justices, as is vsed vpon recognisaunces, taken before the saide Justices, by the common course of the lawes of Englande.

¶ Item that all such writtes, billes, plaintes, pleas, processe, chalenges and trialles, shalbe vsed throughout all the shires aforesaid, before the sayd iustices in theyr sessions, as is vsed in Northwales, or as shalbe deuised by the sayde president, counsaile and iustices, or three of them, wherof the said president to be one, for the good ministracion of iustice to be had in euerye of the saide shyres.

¶ Item where the lordeship of Hope with diuers other lordeships, parishes, townes & hälettes, wherby any act of parlyament, made in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lorde, appoynted and translated from the saide countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flynt, & by the same acte were made parte, parcell and members of the same countie of Flint afor which appointment or translacion, diuers indictamentes and presentmentes, aswell felonie as other offences, were had and taken for the kings highnesse before the iustice of the saide countie of Denbighe, in the greatte sessions there, & some before the iustices of the peace, within the same countie, for offences supposed to be done within diuers of the sayde lordshippes so translated, and also diuers iudgementes, geuen at suite of parties before the said iustices: and some before the shiriffe of the sayde countie of Denbigh, for matters risen & growen within the precinct of the said lordeships or other places, before the translacion of the same. It is now ordeined and enacted, that al the said inditementes & presentmentes, shalbe heard, tryed, and determined within the saide countie of Denbigh, by persons, aswel of the said lordeship or place, where the said offences were done or committed as of other place or places, within the said countie of Denbigh, in maner & forme as though the said translacions had neuer ben had ne made. And also that the said iudgementes as before geuen or had betwene partie & parties, before any iustice of recorde, or other officer, within the said countie of Denbighe, for any matter or cause, apperinge by recorde of the same, to be growen and risen within anye of the saide lordeships, parishes, townes or hamlettes, so translated, shall and may be executed by the shirife of the said countie of Denbigh within anye of the same lordshippes, or other place so translated, the said translacion, or any other cause or matter to the contrary therof not withstanding.

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¶Item like lawe and ordre to be kepte and ministred vpon all other lyke translacions of anye other lordships, maners, townes, parishes and other places within Wales, had made or done in this present parliament or anye other afore or after the same translacions, or anye other cause or matter to the contrary not withstanding.

¶Item where there shalbe diuers and many suites taken before the sayde iustices in plees personall, whiche (as it is thought) cannot be tryed before them, in the time of the saide great sessions for breuitie of time: Therfore, & for the spedie triall of these matters, thissues taken in the sayde suytes, shall and may be tried at a petie sessions, before the deputie iustices there as it is and hath ben vsed in the saide three shires of Northwales: Except suche of the saide suites, as by the discrecions of the saide iustices shalbe thought necessarie to be tried before them selues, within theyr limittes. And that there shall no suite be taken before anye of the saide Justyces by byll, vnder the summe of twentie shillinges.

¶Item if anye murther or felony hereafter be committed or done wyth in Wales: that then the partie or parties, to whome any suche offence shall hapen to be committed, shal in no wise take any end or agreement with the offenders in that behalfe, nor with any other in his name or behalfe, oneles the said partie first make the said president and counsaile, or one of the saide iustices priuie vnto the same, vppon payne of imprisonment, and greeuous fine to be set and adiudged, at the discrecion of the sayde presidente, counsaile & Justices, or two of them, wherof the sayde president to be one: The same paine and penaltie to extende as well to and against suche as shall labour, moue, or procure, any such end or agreemēt made although the same labour, mocion, or procurement neuer take effect, to make any ende or agrement, as against him or them, with whom such ende and agrement shalbe made, yf the same happen to take effect.

¶Item where diuers lordeshippes marches, as well in Wales, as in the borders of the same, nowe beinge by acte of parliament annered to dyuers shyres of Englande, be lately comen to the kinges handes, by suppression of houses, by purchase or atteindours: and nowe be vnder the surueyours, the courte of Augmentacion or of the kinges generall Surueyours, the liberties, fraunchises and customes of all which lordships, be lately reuiued by acte of parliament made in the. xxvii yere of his moste gracious reygne, Neuertheless his maiestie willeth and comaundeth, that no other liberties, fraunchises or customes shall from henceforth be vsed, claymed or exercised within the sayde lordships nor any other lordeshippes within Wales, or the countrey of Mommoth, who so euer be lord or owner of the same: but only such liberties, fraunchises & customes, as be geuen and commaunded to the lordes of the same lordships, by force & vertue of the said acte of parliament, made for Wales: in the saide. xxvii yere of his graces reygne, and not altered ne taken awaye by his ordinaunce: the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxvii. yere, or any other acte graunte law or custome to the contrarye

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¶Item that if any person or persons, their auncestors, or thei whose estate the same person or persones haue, or hath in peaceable possession of any landes tenemētes in wales, by the space of fiue yeres, without let interruptiō or lefull claime: that then the same person or persons shal stil continue their possession, vntill suche time as it be lawfully recouered againste them, by order of the kinges lawes, or by decree of the presidente and counsayle there

¶Item in actions personalles, taken and pursued before the saide iustices in wales by originall writte, or bill, if nine of the Jurie be sworne, to trie ẏ issue betwene the partie plaintife and the defendant, & the residue of ẏ said Jury make defaulte, or be tried out: then the shireffes shall and may immediatly returne other names in the said Jury, de circumstantibus vnto such time there be twelue men sworne, to trie the issue betwene them as before the iustice of Northewales hathe bene afore vsed and accustomed in suche cases.

¶Item that if any goodes or cattalles be stolen by any person or persons and solde in any fayre or market, within the sayde dominion of wales, that no suche sale shall change the propertie therof from the owner of the same but that he may lefully cease take and haue the same againe, vppon proufe therof made, the sayde sale not withstandinge.

¶Item that no person or persons bargaine or bye anye maner of beast, or other quicke cattell, in any place within wales, out of the market or fayre onelesse he can bringe forth sufficiēt and credible witnes, of the name of the person, what place, and time he bought the same, vpon payne and daunger of suche punishmente and fine, as shall be set vnto hym, by the sayde presydent and counsaile, or any of the sayde Justices in his circuite, for the sayd offence, and as he will therfore aunswere at his farther perill.

¶Item if anye goodes or cattelles be stolen within the limittes of any of the saide shires in wales: that than vpon suite therof hadde and made, the tracte shalbe followed from townеship to townеship, or lordship to lordship according to the lawes & customes in that behalfe heretofore vsed in wales vppon suche penaltie and daunger, as heretofore hath bene accustomed.

¶Item that euery person that hath any landes, or tenementes in fee simple, or fee taile, or for terme of life, or for terme of any other mannes lyfe beynge freholde, shall and may passe in all maner Juries and trialles, as well in case of felony or murther, as in all actions reall, personall & mixte, what so euer they be, atteint only except: and also may be impanelled, and inquire of all concealementes, forcible entrees, and other causes of inquirie for the kinges maiestie, all be it he may not dispende fourtie shillynges by yere: sauing to euery man his lawfull chalenge for any other cause, according to ẏ lawes of this realme of Englande.

¶Item that no iurour shall passe in atteint, onles he may dispend fourtie shillinges by the yere of estate of freholde.

¶Item the tenauntes and reſiantes in Wales, ſhall pay theyr tallage at the chaunge of the lordes, in ſuch places and after ſuch fourme as hath ben heretofore accuſtomed in Wales.

¶Item that all the kinges ſubiectes and reſiauntes in Wales, ſhal fynde at all parlyamentes hereafter to be holden in England, knyghtes for the ſhires, and citezens & burgeſſes for cities and townes, to be named and choſen by auctoritie of the kinges writ, vnder the great ſeale of Englande, according to the acte in that caſe prouided, and ſhalbe charged and chargeable to all ſubſidies and other charges, to be graunted, by the commons of any of the ſaid parliamentes, & pay all other their rentes, fermes, cuſtomes and duties to the kinges highneſſe, as they haue bene accuſtomed heretofore, fines for redempcions of ſeſſions onely excepted, which the kinges maieſtie of his moſt gracious goodneſſe and liberalitie, is contented, and pleaſed to remitte, at the humble ſuite of his ſaide louing ſubiectes of the ſaide dominion of Wales.

¶Item that the towne of Hauerforde weſt, ſhal after the ende of this preſent parliament for euer, finde one burges for the ſaid towne, at euery parliament after that time to be holden: and the charges of the ſame burges to be alwaies borne, by the mayre, burgeſſes and inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne and none other.

¶Item that the kinges maieſtie, ſhall haue all felons goodes, and goodes of perſons outlawed, waif, ſtraies, and all other forfaitures and eſchetes what ſo euer they be, & to be anſwered therof by the hãdes of ỳ ſhyreffes, ſaiing alwaies the rightes & intereſtes of euery of his ſubiectes hauing lawfull title to haue the ſame.

Item that all errours and iudgementes, before anye of the ſayde Juſtices at any time of the greate ſeſſions, in pleas realles or mixte, ſhalbe redreſſed by writte of Errour, to bee ſued out of the kynges Chauncerye of Englande, returnable before the kinges Juſtice of his benche in Englande, as other writs of errour be in Englãd. And that al errours in pleas perſonall ſhall be reformed by bylles, to be ſued before the ſaide preſidente and counſayle of Wales, from tyme to tyme as the partye greeued wyll ſue for the ſame. And if in caſe the iudgement be affyrmed good, in any of the ſaid writtes of errour or billes, than there to make execution, and all other proces therupon, as is vſed in the kinges benche of Englande. And that the purſuantes in euery ſuche writte of errour or bill, doe paye like fees therfore as is vſed in Englande.

Item that no execution of anye iudgemente geuen or to be geuen in anye baſe court, be ſtaied or deferred by reaſon of anye writte or falſe iudgement but that execution ſhall and maye be had and made at all times, before the reuerſall of the ſaide iudgment, the purſuite of the ſaide writ not withſtanding. And in caſe the ſaide iudgement happen after to be reuerſed: then the partie purſuant to be reſtored to all that he hath loſt by the ſaid iudgement according to the lawes of the realme.

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¶Item that all proces for vrgent and weyghtie causes, shall be made and directed into wales, by the speciall commaundement of the Chauncellour of England, for tyme beyng, or any of the kinges counsaile in England, as heretofore hath ben vsed: Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶Item that the towne of Bewdley, which is within ỳ parishe of Ribbesforde, in the countie of Wigorñ. and all the grounde and soyle of the same towne, shall from henceforthe be vnited, annered, and made parcell of the countie of Wigorñ, and to be within the hundrede of Dodingtre. And that all the inhabitauntes of the saide towne and paryshe, shall from henceforthe be attendaunt and do euery thinge and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the saide hundred, as the same inhabitauntes be now bounde to doe, by the lawes of this realme of Englande. Sauing alwaies to the burgesse & inhabytauntes of the said towne of Bewdley, all suche liberties & franchises, as they lawfully had and exercised within the same towne, before the making of this acte, in like maner and fourme, as thoughe this acte had neuer ben had or made.

¶Item: that the lordeshippe of l'l'anstiffan, Usterloys, and Langham, and the membres of the same, and all, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes in the same lordeshippe, and the membres of the same, bee from henceforth vnited annered ioyned named accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the countie of Caermerthin, and reputed, ioyned, vnited, named, accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the hundrede of Derles, in the said countie of Caermerthin. And ỳ the tenauntes and inhabitantes of the saide lordship and membres, be attendaunt, and do euery thinge and thinges, with the tenauntes and inhabytauntes of the sayde hundrede of Derles, as the said inhabitauntes now be bounde to do accordinge to the lawes there vsed,

¶Item that the coũtie or shire courte of the countie of Radnor, shall from henceforthe bee holden, one time at newe Radnor, and one other time at presten alternis vicibus, and neuer from henceforthe to be kept or holdẽ at Rather Gowy: any former acte or other thing to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶Item it is further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that the kynges moste royall maiestie, shall and maye at all tymes hereafter, from tyme to time, chaunge, adde, alter, order, minishe and refourme, al maner of thinges afore rehersed, as to his most excellẽt wisedome & discreciõ shalbe thought conuenient: And also to make lawes and ordinaunces for the cõmon welth and good quiet of his saide dominion of Wales, and his subiectes of the same, from time to time, at his maiesties pleasure, Any thinge conteined in this act, or in the said act made for the shire ground of Wales, or any other acte or actes, thinge or thinges, to the contrary therof heretofore made in any wise not withstandinge.

¶And all suche alteracions of the premisses, or any part therof. And that all

such lawes and ordinances, to be hereafter made, deuised and published by auctoritie of this acte, by the kinges maiestie, in writinge vnder his hyghnes great seale, shalbe of as good strength vertue and effecte as if they had ben had and made by auctoritie of parliament.

¶ Item be it further enacted and ordeined, by aucthoritie aforesaide, that where the kinges maiestie that nowe is, by his letters patentes, bearynge date the i. daye of Maye, in the .xxxiiii. yere of his most prosperous reigne demised and graunted to Willyam Webbe, the subsidie and vsage of all wollen clothes, made or to be made in the countie of Mommoth, and in the twelue shires in Wales, that is to saye, in the countie of Breknok, Radnor, Mountgomery, Caermerthin, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Cardigan, Anglesey, Flint, Denbigh, Caernervan, and Merionneth, and in all and syngular townes and other places, what so euer they be, within the precinct and limittes of the said counties, and els where within the dominion of Wales To haue and to holde to the said William webbe, and his assygnes for certaine yeres yet enduringe, that the sayde William webbe, his deputies and assignes, shall haue from hensforth full power and auctoritie by force of this acte, to take for the sealinge of euerye wollen clothe, hereafter to be made in the saide. xii. shyres and els where, within the. saide dominion of wales, as hereafter is declared, and none otherwise, that is to say, for euery hole pece of fryse. i. d euery halfe yarde fryse .ob. euery pece cotton and lining, beynge xxiiii. yardes, & vnder a halfepeny. And for euery pece of the same, beynge aboue. xxiiii. yeardes, one peny, of euerye brode clothe, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beyng, xviii. yardes and aboue, one peny: Of euery pece of karsey, beynge vnder, xviii. yardes, a halfpeny.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte, ne nothing therin conteined, extende not to charge any maner of person or persons, beyng or that hereafter shall be inhabitaunt, in any of the saide. xii. shires, or els where within the dominion of wales, for any clothes, fryses, karseis, or lininges, made or hereafter to be made and occupied within their houses, & not put to sale to any person or persons. but to theyr seruauntes for their wearing.

☞ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said Aulnager in wales, by him selfe, or by his sufficiente deputie or deputies shall in all thinges to his office apperteininge, doe and be bounde to do, and answere in euery case, like and accordinge as all and euery other Aulnager in the realme of England do, or ought to do, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of the realme of England. And for the contrary doing or exercisynge of the said office, shall in euery case and degre suffre, as by the saide lawes and statutes is ordeined, established or enacted for Aulnagers, vnder the lorde Treasourer of Englande for the time beyng.

☞ And furthermore the kinges maiestie is contented & pleased, not withstandinge the statute made in the .xxvii. yere of his moste gracious reygne: that where there shoulde, be but. xii. shires in wales, that the towne of Hauerforde west, shalbe a countie in it self, as it hath ben before this time vsed

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at the will and pleasure of the kinges said maiestie: and that it shalbe separated from the countie of Pembroke, at the kinges said pleasure. And that the kinges high iustice of the saide countie of Pembroke, shall be highe iustice of the saide countie and towne of Hauerforde west, and shall haue like power and auctoritie, to and for the ministracio of Justice, within the said countie and towne of Hauerforde west, as is lymitted and appoynted to the sayde Justice to and for the administracion of Justice, in the sayde countie of Pembroke: and that the maire, shiriffe, bailiffes, and burgesses of the said countie and towne of Hauerford west, from tyme to tyme shalbe as well attendaunt, and obey all preceptes and commaundementes of the president and counsaile of our saide soueraigne lorde the kynge in his marches of Wales, as also shalbe attendaunt to all preceptes and proces awarded or directed, by the saide high iustice, vnto the shireffe of the said countie and towne of Hauerford west, and to make retourne therof. And the said shiriffe of the said countie and towne, shall serue all preceptes and proces, directed from the said high Justice, in like maner and forme as the shireffe of the said countie of Pembroke is bound to do, and according to the effecte and purport of the kinges ordinaunces, in that behalfe had made and prouided: and that it shalbe lawfull vnto the sayd mayre, shiriffe, Bailiffes and burgesses of the saide countie and towne of Hauerford west, aforesaide, to vse & exercise al lefull liberties and grauntes, by the kinges maiestie or his noble progenitours, to them graunted & confirmed at the kinges maiesties will and pleasure, according to the lawes of the realme of Englād, and not otherwise: and that the iudiciall seale of the said shires of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan, be in the custodie and keping of the kinges highe Justice there for the time beyng, shalbe vsed in the saide countie and towne of Hauerforde west, as the originall and iudiciall seale the same towne and countie. And that the saide iustice of the saide shires of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan, shall haue like power and auctoritie, by vertue of the kinges letters to him made, as well to do al and euery thing & thinges, concerning common iustice to be ministred within the said towne & countie of Hauerford west, as he hath in his saide letters pattentes, within any of the saide shires, of Pembroke, Caermerthin, and Cardigan.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this article, touching & concerning the countie, & towne of Hauerford west, & all thinges therin cōteined, shal stand & endure but onely at the kinges maiesties will and pleasure, and none otherwise.

¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte, or anye thynge therin conteined, shall not be preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any person or persons, or bodyes polytike for or concerning any landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, bondmen, tolles or other hereditamentes, but that they and euery of them, their heyres successours and assignes, and the heires, successours and assignes of euerye of them, shall haue, holde and enioy theyr landes, tenementes, rentes seruices bondemen and other their hereditamentes, in suche like maner, forme and condicion, as they hadde the same before the makinge of this acte and as

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¶ Prouided also that thys acte nor anye thinge therin conteyned, shall be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any person or persons, for or concerninge any office or offices, which they or any of them haue by vertue of any of the kings letters patentes, beynge now in force before the makynge of this acte. nor to the fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be payd for the exercise of any suche offices: but that euery person and persons, hauinge suche offices and fees, and their substitutes and deputies, shall and maye haue and exercise their said offices, as is limitted by this act, and as they mought haue done before the makinge of this acte. And shall also haue and perceiue all suche fees, for the exercise of the said offices, in as large and ample maner, forme and condicion, as they might afore the makinge of this acte, and as if thys acte had neuer ben had ne made.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that all landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, within the said dominion of Wales, shall discende to the heires, accordinge to the course of the cōmon lawes of the realme Englād, accordinge to the tenour & effecte of this acte, & not to be vsed as Gauelkinde: any thinge conteyned in these prouisiōs or any of them to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte, ne any clause, article, or thynge therin conteined, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to George Blunte esquier, sonne and heire of syr John Blunte knight deceased, for or concerning the offices of stewardeships of the kinges lordeships or manours of Bewdley and Clebury, or any other office or offices heretofore graunted vnto ỳ sayde George Blunt, by the kinges letters patentes, sealed vnder the greate seale of Englande, for terme of life of the same George or for or concerninge any fees, wages, rewardes, annuities, profittes, commodities, aduauntages or emolumētes apperteining or belonging vnto the said offices or any of thē: but that the said George, his deputie and deputies, shall & may at all tyme and times, duringe the life of the same George, haue, holde, exercise, & enioy the same offices and euery of them, & also perceiue, leuie, and take the fees, wages, rewardes, and all other profits & commodities, to the same offices and euery of them, or to any of thē belonging: or in any wise apperteining, in as large and ample maner forme, and condicion, to al intentes, construc, tions & purposes, as though this act had neuer ben had or made: any thinge before in this act conteined to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwaies that al lyberties, franchises and priuileges of the duchy of Lancaster, or in any wise apperteining to the same, shalbe of the same force, plight, qualitie, goodnes and condicion, and may be vsed in as large and ample maner, as they were before the makinge of this acte, and as yf this acte had neuer ben had or made: any thinge in this act to the contrary not withstandinge,

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